



GRICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

HOME OF THE GLADIATORS

Dear Families,

Students are expected to be in school except in cases of emergency or for reasons as explained in the code below. The code lists the following as the only legal **excuses** for absence to school:

- Religious observance (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(h))
- A college visit (up to 3 days per school year, only for students in grades 11 and 12)
- "Take Our Children to Work Day" (pursuant to the memo issued by the Commissioner to all districts on April 25, 2017) or other rule issued by the Commissioner
- Participation in observance of Veteran's Day (N.J.S.A 18A: 36 - 13.2) or district board of election membership activities (N.J.S.A. 18A: 36-33)
- The closure of a busing district that prevents a student from having transportation to the receiving school

Steps to follow when absent

- Parent or guardian contact the school to inform them of absence at (609) 631-4152, ext 3519
 - Parent or guardian write an excuse giving students' name, date, days of absence and reason for absence
 - Present excused note to homebase teacher upon return
 - Ask all teachers for make-up assignments; it is the students' responsibility to complete all missing work
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Once a student reaches (10) absent days, the following will occur:

- An action plan with their Counselor in regard to attendance
- A mandatory referral will be made to the Hamilton Township School District Attendance Office so that a complete investigation will be done

Once a student reaches (18) absent days, the following will occur:

- The student will become "Not in Good Standing" as per the HTSD Code of Conduct
 - The student will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities, assemblies or school events.
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We want to see our Gladiators at school every day, on time. Good attendance will prepare students to thrive academically, socially and emotionally while preparing them to be responsible citizens. It is important for us to work together to ensure every day counts!

Yours in Education,

Dwayne Walker

Principal