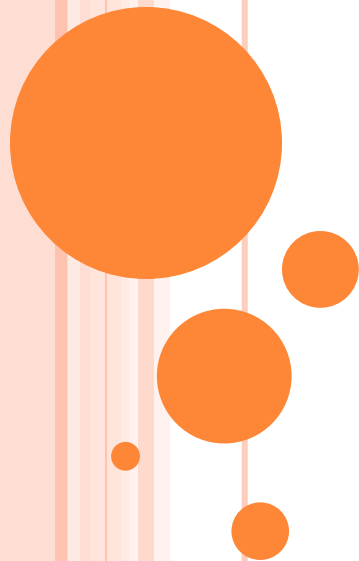


LYNDHURST HIGH SCHOOL

The Importance of Student Attendance

**Parent Forum
February 15, 2023**



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The objective of today's parent forum is to gain a clear understanding and appreciation between the connection of *student attendance* and *student learning* leading to

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



LYNDHURST VS. STATE ATTENDANCE

Lyndhurst Attendance Percentages

- 2020 - 2021: 77%
- 2021 - 2022: 70%

State Average Percentages

- 2020 - 2021: 85.8%
- 2021 - 2022: 80.2%



ATTENDANCE FACTS

- Students can suffer academically if they miss 10% of school days. That can be just one day every two weeks, and can happen quickly.
 - LHS requires 90% attendance to participate in activities that excuse them in school.
- Both excused or unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunity to learn and collaboration among students' peers and teacher.
- By middle and high school, chronic absence is a leading warning sign that a student will drop out.
- Too many absent students can affect the entire class and slow down instruction.



FAMILIES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Families should avoid vacations that require your children to miss school.
- Doctors appointments should be made for after school when possible.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick.
- Set homework and bedtime routines with restrictions on cell phones, video games and computers.
- Set an example for your child. Do not ask your child to miss school for daycare or household errands or appointments.
- Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday - make that the expectation.



REALTIME PARENT PORTAL

Do you know your child's attendance?

How many absences do they have?

How many times have they been late to class?

**Call Bernadette Montillo for Parent Portal
Log-In Credentials at the High School.**

201-896-2100, ext. 4010



LYNDHURST HS ATTENDANCE REGULATION

A student will lose credit for a course when the student's "verified-unexcused" or "unverified-unexcused" absences exceed:

- 4 classes for a one-quarter year course

Student will lose credit on the 5th absence

- 8 classes for a half year course

Student will lose credit on the 9th absence

- 12 classes for a three-quarter year course

Student will lose credit on the 13th absence

- 16 classes for a full year course

Student will lose credit on the 17th absence



LYNDHURST HS TARDY REGULATION

A student will lose credit for a course when the student's class tardies exceed:

- 4 tardies for a one-quarter year course

Student will lose credit on the 5th tardy

- 8 tardies for a half year course

Student will lose credit on the 9th tardy

- 12 tardies for a three-quarter year course

Student will lose credit on the 13th tardy

- 16 tardies for a full year course

Student will lose credit on the 17th tardy



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- Verification of absence must be given to Lyndhurst High School Attendance Office *within ten* school days from the last day of absence.
- Stacy DiMase at 201-896-2100 ext 2006 or email: stacydimase@lyndhurst.k12.nj.us



STATE APPROVED ABSENCES

(6) State recognized reasons as follows:

(1) Religious observance, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14, 15, and 16.

(a) The Commissioner, with approval of the State Board of Education, shall annually prescribe a list of **religious holidays** on which it shall be mandatory to excuse students for religious observance upon the written request signed by the parent or person standing in loco parentis

(2) Participation in observance of **Veterans Day**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-13.2

(3) Participation in district **board of election membership activities**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-33

(4) **Take Our Children to Work Day**

(5) **College visit(s)**, up to three days per school year for students in grades eleven and twelve



NEW JERSEY CODE

- Chronically absent is defined as missing 10% or more of the school year. (N.J.A.C 6a:32-8.6)
 - LHS requires 90% attendance to participate in activities that excuse them in school. (ie..trips, activities, sports, performances etc.)
- N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6(a)3 requires the Board of Education policies and procedures contain, at a minimum, a definition of unexcused absence that counts toward truancy, student conduct, promotion, retention, and the award of course credit. The Lyndhurst School District divides unexcused absences into two categories: “verified-unexcused absence” and “unverified-unexcused absence”.



LYNDHURST HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY SUPPORT

- Credit Recovery: Summer School
 - Students who lose credit due to attendance will be required to attend summer school in person at Lyndhurst High School for credit recovery.

Call your child's counselor for more information and enrollment.



LYNDHURST HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY SUPPORT

- If there are extenuating circumstances that are prohibiting your child's good attendance, please reach out to your child's counselor.



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- Lyndhurst High *Counselor* Assignments:
 - Last name begins with -

A – DE	Ms. Leidemer, ext. 4011
Di – LA	Ms. Stacy, ext. 4012
Le – Raj	Ms. Palanker, ext. 4013
Ram – Z	Ms. Archila, ext. 4014

Lyndhurst High School
(201) 896-2100



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- Lyndhurst High school ***SRO***
(School Resource Officer):
Sgt. Steven Passamano
(201) 896-2100, ext. 4035/4036



IN CONCLUSION

**When students improve their attendance,
they improve their academic prospects
and opportunity for success in high school**

**It is our goal that every student leave
Lyndhurst High School
College and Career ready!**

