

May 1, 2025

Dear Upcoming Wildcat Parents, Current Wildcat Parents and Students,

As we bring close to the 24-25 school year and look forward to the 25-26 school year, I want to share with you some information regarding procedures at EHS. We believe that regular attendance is essential for a student's successful progress in our Enterprise High School instructional program, so we are asking for your support in these policies.

### **Prior Approval**

 We do not provide prior approval administrative codes for trips, vacations, or college visits that fall on a school day. Please plan trips and college visits around the school calendar published on the website and in the handbook.

#### Final Exams

 Our final exam schedule is published months in advance on our school website and in our student handbook on the school calendar page. Failure to attend a designated final exam time is considered unexcused and will result in a zero earned for that final, so please make note of these dates.

Attendance Exemptions (AP and DE Courses do not qualify)

- o Any student wishing to exempt a final based on attendance may do so in one course using one of the options:
  - The student has NO attendance markings (absences/tardies) throughout the semester in all courses AND a C or higher in the course in which the student is applying for exemption with the only exceptions being School Activity (SA), Field Trip (FT), and Exempt (EXE);

OR

The student has no more than 3 attendance markings (absences/tardies) throughout the semester in all courses AND an A in the course in which the student is applying for exemption with the only exceptions being School Activity (SA), Field Trip (FT), and Exempt (EXE).

# Checking In and Checking Out

- To check your student out of school, you can utilize the EHS Check Out Form available on our website and in the handbook or come to the school in person and check out your student. To ensure the safety of our students, phone and email check-outs are prohibited, and the use of the EHS Check Out Form is required if the parent is not present.
- Students who arrive late or leave during the school day must check in and out through the
  office. Please help us by reminding your students that simply dropping a note at the School
  Excuse Station does NOT serve as checking in or out, and failure to check in or out through the
  office may result in disciplinary action.

# Turning in School Excuses

- For students to obtain an excused absence of any type, parents need to complete an EHS School Excuse Form, and students need to turn it in to one of the black boxes located on the first floor/main lobby of EHS main campus within 3 days upon their return to school. This form is available on our website, in the handbook, and at the School Excuse Stations. Please remember that state law requires written communication from parents when a student misses class time; therefore, it will be a requirement for the parent to utilize the School Excuse Form for documentation. Medical and legal documentation for purposes of requesting such codes may be attached to the form. Electronic formats of excuses are not acceptable, so please use the School Excuse Station as the method for providing excuses.
- To help parents and students understand our attendance procedures, we have posted a PowerPoint titled "Checking In, Checking Out, and School Excuses: The Wildcat Way" on our website for your review.

#### Drop Offs/Deliveries

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 Drop offs and deliveries result in lost instructional time; therefore, we ask for your support by refraining from dropping items off during the school day such as homework and equipment for activities. Door Dash, Take Out Star, or other food drop offs of any kind are not permitted.

The most detailed information can be found in our EHS Student Handbook provided at the beginning of each school year that includes the Enterprise City Schools' Code of Conduct, so please use that as a reference should you have questions or want to become more familiar with the areas discussed in this letter. We also encourage you to utilize the PowerSchool parent portal to monitor your student's attendance and grades.

As always, we appreciate your support of Enterprise High School and are looking forward to a relaxing summer and a great start to the 25-26 school year!

Go Cats!

Stan Sauls Principal