

VVHS Attendance Policy

Absences 1-2: Contact Home

Absence 3: Home contact and Letter #1 sent

Absence 4-5: Home contact and home visit by attendance officer/ truancy

Absence 6: Home Contact and Develop Attendance Contract- Letter #2 sent

Absences 7-8: Referral to Attendance Office

Absences 9: Letter # 3 sent by assistant principal

Absence 10: Assistant principal meeting/ truancy citation

Absence 11: Denial of Credit if whereabouts known, if whereabouts unknown student will be withdrawn from VVHS

Absence 20: Student withdrawn from VVHS and Educational Neglect Paperwork completed

Student Tardiness:

Student tardiness is a serious disruption to the educational process. Tardiness interferes with time to teach and infringes on the educational rights of other students.

A student enrolled who is not physically present in the classroom at the start of the instructional period but reports to the classroom after that time is to be marked tardy. If the student misses more than thirty (30) minutes of the instructional period, the student has missed an essential part of the learning experience. Therefore, for purposes of attendance enforcement, a student who is more than thirty (30) minutes late to any class period shall be counted absent from that class, and the teacher shall record the absence accordingly.

Excessive Absenteeism; Denial of Credit

The Clark County School District expects that schools must attain a standard of 90 percent attendance. Individual student absences should be limited to a maximum of ten (10) total absences per semester. Drivers under the age of 18 are now required to show

proof of school attendance per NRS 483.2521. All Nevada students will be required to submit a DMV-301, the Department of Motor Vehicles Certificate of Attendance form, to the local DMV office when applying for either an instruction permit or driver's license. Students who fail to meet the attendance standard outlined above will be unable to secure the school official's signature required on the DMV-301 to apply for an instructional permit or driver's license.

A student's medical illnesses or conditions may prevent a student from meeting the above goal, and absences which are due to the student's physical or mental inability to attend school, if properly documented and submitted to the school within the timelines defined by this regulation, will not be included in the determination of a student's denial of credit or retention if the student has completed course-work requirements.

A required parent conference is to be scheduled by the assistant principal or designee when the following occurs due to excessive absenteeism: A student may be denied course credit.

Absence Documentation / Explanation; Readmittance to Class

For purposes of consistency, it is required for the parental/guardian to confirm the reason for the absence in writing prior to or upon return from each absence. Verified medical appointments, medical excuses, medical documentation and/or other explanations must be presented in writing by the student from the parent/guardian or personally by the parent/guardian within three (3) days directly following the absence.

Truancy

An unapproved absence for one or more class periods or the equivalent of one or more class periods during a school day shall be deemed a truancy (NRS 392.130{2}).

If a student has been declared truant three times for unapproved absences, the principal of the school, or designee, shall report the student to a school police officer or the local law enforcement agency for investigation of habitual truancy and issuance of a citation, if warranted, in accordance with NRS 392.149 (NRS 392.144).