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Dear Parents / Guardians and Students,

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Below you will find guidance from TEA to school districts across the state regarding news of student walkouts happening across the state. You will read '[students are not free to engage in speech that disrupts the school learning environment](#)'. What does this mean for students at TCISD? If a student decides to skip school for a walkout they will receive an UNEXCUSED absence, a zero on any assignment due on that day or completed during class and 3 days ISS. Students must be present during the school day to receive instruction and work towards mastery of learning objectives.

From TEA:

School systems have an obligation to ensure students attend school and remain safe. With news of student walkouts happening across the state, this guidance is a reminder that students are not free to engage in speech that disrupts the school learning environment. Students must face the consequences of their actions during the school day, including potentially being assigned an unexcused absence under Texas Education Code (TEC), Sec. 25.087. Numerous absences, whether excused or unexcused, may jeopardize a student's ability to receive credit or final grades for classes under TEC, Sec. 25.092. In addition, state law recognizes the importance of parental engagement and involvement in every aspect of their child's education, which includes parents knowing the location of their child during the school day. School systems should make every effort to notify parents in instances where students may leave school property.

Students who frequently miss school consistently perform lower than their grade level peers. Years of poor attendance lead to below average reading levels and gaps in learning especially in math. Attendance is not an option. State law states children must be at school 90 % of the time the class is offered to receive credit. Students who do not meet the 90% attendance requirement will go before an attendance committee for determination of credit. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Go Eagles,
Mrs. Lowrance
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