



# Santa Monica High School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The primary rationale for the Samohi Attendance Policy is the relationship between student attendance and student achievement. Teacher effectiveness is the strongest school-related determinant of student success, but chronic student absence reduces even the best teacher's ability to provide learning opportunities. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. This relationship between attendance and achievement is very important to the mission of Samohi.

Please make sure you and your student follow the guidelines so that he/she can walk at their senior graduation.



## ATTENDANCE AND TARDY POLICY

All 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students **must not exceed 60 class absences** in order to walk the graduation stage their senior year. The 60 class absence policy will start from freshman year and will go all the way to graduation day. The class absences will carry over from one year to the next.

- Every three tardies equals **ONE** class absence.
- Extreme absences due to doctor prescribed illnesses will be reviewed by the Attendance Review Board on a one-on-one basis. **Attendance recovery is an internal program and will not be reflected in Aeries.**

### -----ATTENDANCE AND TARDY CONSEQUENCES-----

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 18 unexcused class absences/18 tardies will result in recovering attendance obligation hours and <b>ineligibility to participate</b> in extra-curricular sports and fine arts.</li> <li>• More than 60 unexcused class absences by the Friday before your graduation will result in not participating in the graduation ceremony.</li> <li>• After 10 parent excused illness absences, students will need doctor's proof to excuse any absence thereafter.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 18 unexcused class absences/18 tardies will result in recovering attendance obligation hours. Restorative Hours, <b>ineligibility to participate</b> in extra-curricular sports and fine arts, and <b>removal of off-campus lunch pass</b></li> <li>• More than 60 or more unexcused class absences by the Friday before your graduation will result in not participating in the graduation ceremony.</li> <li>• After 10 parent excused illness absences, students will need doctor's proof to excuse any absences thereafter.</li> </ul>

### WORKING OFF CLASS ABSENCES AND TARDIES:

Students may attend two hours of Super Saturday to clear 12 class absences. Attending four hours of Super Saturday will clear 24 class absences.

Attending one hour of the following will clear six class absences: Samohi sponsored tutoring in the Library or Xinachtli, PAPER TUTORING, teachers tutoring hours, peer tutoring through Delians/NHS, and attending grade level assemblies.

Students may sign up for Volunteer opportunities found in the Samohi Blue Bulletin. When clearing absences, please obtain a "Class Attendance Make-Up" slip from your nearest house office.

Junior and Senior students can clear up to 12 class absences for visiting Colleges or Universities independently from Samohi field trips.

[\\*If clearing absences with College or University visits, submit this form\\*](#)

**Special circumstances involving representing Samohi, will require prior approval by the House Principal.**