

Advice FOR HIGH SCHOOL



Students & Parents

ABSENCES

Student Tips:

PLANNED ABSENCES

Communicate with teachers ahead of time if you know you are going to be gone.

ABSENCES DUE TO ILLNESS

Email teachers to see what you will be missing, if possible.

If you are too ill, when you feel better, communicate with your teachers that you were too sick to do work.

Check Google Classroom for assignments and resources. Many teachers post daily on their Classrooms.

Upon return to school - check in with your teachers to let them know you are back and discuss what you should do.

Parent Tips:

Call school and report your student's absence.

In high school, the student is expected to email their teachers about work. Assist your child in creating an email to send to their teachers.

Support them to be their own advocates and take care of their business.

Step in only after they have made unsuccessful attempts. Start with the teacher and move on to the Counseling Office or principals if more help is needed.

PREPARING FOR CLASS

Student Tips:

Use class time efficiently. Make an effort to do what the teacher is telling you to do. Study for summatives! Just as it is the teacher's job to deliver engaging lessons, it is your job to actively participate.

Parent Tips:

Many students admit to not preparing for tests. **Ask teachers** if they think your child is preparing well for tests and taking their time on projects.

CELL PHONES

Many teachers are reporting difficulties with students being distracted by their phones during the school day.

Student Tips:

Reflect on your cell phone use during the school day. Is your phone preventing you from learning?

Parent Tips:

Ask teachers specifically if your child's phone is a problem in their class. If so:

Talk to your students about being distracted by their phones. Discuss where they keep their phone during the day and how often or when they check it. Make some guidelines together.

Have regular discussions about how it is going.

Students often tell teachers, "It's my mom/dad texting me!".

If you can, limit texts to your student during their class time.

Talk to them about getting back to you later - that you don't always need an immediate response.

CHEATING

There have been more instances of cheating this school year than in previous years.

Student Tips:

Don't cheat! It may seem like an easy choice in the moment but it will bring significant trouble when you are caught.

Cheating can affect:

- Your grade
- Your learning
- Your reputation with teachers and peers
- Your chances of acceptance into clubs or receiving awards
- Your self esteem and mental health

We know of instances of students being expelled from college for cheating. Learn how to avoid it now.

Parent Tips:

Speak to your students about their character and your family values regarding cheating.

SUPPORT

The staff at Sherrard High School is here to help you. How do you get help?

- Talk to your teacher - email or in person. Set up a meeting during your study hall or before or after school.
- Talk to one of the counselors or principals - email or in person. They can help organize support for you!

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