

September 18, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This message is to provide information and notice to parents/guardians about the importance of regular attendance and timely arrival for school each day.

Based on Board Policy, Pennsylvania State Law, and Pennsylvania Department of Education recommendations, parents/guardians are required to submit written excuses for student absences within three (3) days of the student's return to school.

If no excuse is submitted within three (3) days of the student's return, the absence will be coded as an unexcused absence.

In addition, any student who has accumulated ten (10) or more absences, excused or unexcused, will be required to submit a doctor's excuse for all absences after the tenth (10th) absence.

Students who arrive late to school may only be marked excused late when there is a documented medical appointment or other urgent reason; oversleeping, car problems, etc. are not acceptable excuses.

Students who accumulate twenty (20) or more absences, excused or unexcused, during any semester, will lose their eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities (Clubs, organizations, teams, societies, and/or athletics), until that student has attended school for forty-five (45) days.

Students who accumulate numerous unexcused absences will be declared truant and/or habitually truant which will result in referral to the attendance officer, the local Magistrate, outside agencies, and/or Child and Youth Services. Families must also be aware that Luzerne County now has a Truancy Court at the County Courthouse and extreme truancy cases will be referred to that court.

Copies of student handbooks and district policies are available on the Wyoming Area District Website, www.wyominarea.org.

If you have any specific questions or concerns about this information, please contact the building principal.

Sincerely,

Wyoming Area Administration