



Indian Valley Local Schools

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Superintendent

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Dear Indian Valley Families:

Ryan Burrier
Curriculum Director

Due to recent changes in Ohio's compulsory school attendance laws, Indian Valley will begin communicating the number of hours a student is absent from school. You will begin seeing *number of hours absent* listed on report cards.

Talia St. Clair
Student Services
Director

Another change in operating procedures will be the recording of a *tardy* versus a *half-day absence*. Historically, a student arriving late, but before 9:00 was recorded as being present, but *tardy*. A student arriving after 9:00 was recorded as a *half-day absence*.

Brian Dittfeld
Director of
Technology, Data
Flow and Classified
Operations

Now, under the hours rule, a student arriving at 9:00 will be recorded as a *late arrival*, and the one-hour of absence is recorded. A student arriving at 10:00 will also be recorded as a *late arrival*, and two-hours of absence is recorded. The new procedure does not distinguish a *tardy* from a *half-day absence*; there is just *late arrival*.

Jody Ditcher
School Performance
Coach

Archie Gardner
Classified
Coordinator

As timeliness and punctuality are important life skills, we will maintain the expectation that students are on time to school. Previously, our policy for middle and high school students has been a student receives a detention upon his 3rd *tardy* in a grading period. Now, a student will receive a detention upon the 5th *late arrival* to school in a grading period. If a student has a professional appointment (e.g. - doctor, dentist, court, counseling, etc.) for his *late arrival*, that particular *late arrival* will not count toward the detention total.

Jodi Hillyer
Superintendent
Secretary / EMIS
Coordinator

Lastly, time for any sign-outs after 2:00 will count in the number of hours absent and be recorded as a *left early*.

Thank you for your patience as we strive to ensure our practices are aligned with the requirements of the State of Ohio. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

Ira Wentworth
Superintendent