

GSSD Attendance Strategy FYI- High School Students and Parents

If a student is going to be absent, please contact the school. Otherwise, the absence will be considered *unexcused*. Parents can contact the school up to 48 hours after a student's absence to explain it.

The school will send home daily automated emails or phone calls for all student absences.

RE: Unexcused Absences for Students in grades 10 -12:

- After 5 unexcused absences, the teacher will contact home to inform the parents/guardian.
- After 10 unexcused absences, administration will contact home to discuss the student's attendance with an action plan for improvement
- After 15 unexcused absences, administration will meet with the student and contact the parents to schedule a meeting. A formal letter will be sent to the parents as a follow-up to the meeting to indicate that the student is at risk of being withdrawn from the class.
- After 20 unexcused absences, the student will be withdrawn from the course, and a letter of notification will be sent home.
- A student who has been withdrawn from a course may re-enrol in that course the next semester or year.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Despite being excused, students may still be withdrawn after 20 classes in a course if they are not achieving 50%.
- Parents must be aware that if they are giving permission for an absence for illness or any other circumstance for which the family considers to be sufficient, the parent also assumes responsibility for results of absences such as lower grades and increase homework load.

Some courses provide incentive for attendance and turning work in on or before deadlines with recommends or exemptions
