

WHAT'S NEW AT WAKEFIELD FOR 2016-17?

Pride Time

Pride Time is an intervention offered during the school day that is in place for all students. It is a 30 minute period, 10:15-10:45 a.m. Monday -Thursday. Students can make up work or gain remediation during PrideTime. Any student with a grade below an 80 in class must report to Pride Time on the day designated for that class period. If a student's grade is an 80 or above they can report to the main gym, Media Center, or cafeteria. Students must report to a Pride Time classroom or one of the three designated locations in the building. Students who do not attend Pride Time will be reported as skipping.

Tardy Violations & Skipping

Consistent attendance in school is linked to student achievement. This year we will focus on reducing tardies. For tardies to class, students will be assigned consequences ranging from classroom detention to lunch detention, Saturday Detention, and ISS or In-School Suspension. Students who receive any of these consequences are expected to work on assignments while in detention. If a student reaches 12 tardies, a parent meeting will be requested. For 13 or more, ALC (the Alternative Learning Center) is assigned and the student will be considered for OSS (Out-of-School Suspension.) Note that 3 unexcused tardies = 1 absence.

We will also focus on skipping. Consequences for skipping class range from lunch detention to Out-of-School Suspension; additionally, lunch and parking passes will be pulled for upperclassmen. For 3-5 incidents of skipping, the lunch pass will be pulled for a week; for 6-9, it will be pulled for the quarter; for 10 incidents, both the lunch and parking pass will be pulled for the remainder of the semester. Appeals will be heard by the Attendance Committee if a parking and/ or lunch pass is pulled for the semester. No appeals will be heard if passes are pulled for the week or the quarter. A parent meeting is required before the parking pass can be re-issued.

Exemptions

All students, 9-12, will have the opportunity to earn exam exemptions this year according to the following criteria: "A" average with 3 or fewer absences; "B" with 2 absences; "C" with 1 absence. No student can be exempt from State EOCs or VOCATs. All absences count in the exemption total except for school sponsored activities and college days.

Reverse Suspensions

Reverse suspensions will be used in place of out-of-school suspensions when deemed appropriate by administration for particular infractions that violate the Student Code of Conduct. In lieu of sending the student home, parents will be asked to attend school to monitor their child's behavior and work.

Open House

Open House for fall semester will be September 15th from 5 PM to 8 PM. It will be "floating" so parents may come any time during these hours to meet their child's teachers. This is an information night only; conferences with teachers may be arranged for another time. The welcome video will be shown continuously in the Media Center Lab, so visitors are invited to start there. Junior Marshals will be on hand to give out schedules and assist with directions in the building.