

PURPOSE: To allow students who arrive at/past 12:00 a.m. from sports or other school events/competitions to be excused from the first hour of school.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE SENATE:

SECTION ONE (REASONING):

Students who participate in sports or other school events oftentimes arrive back at school past room check. These events are typically very physically and mentally strenuous. Sleeping is important for academic success, and insufficient sleep weakens academic performance.

Providing students with rest under the circumstances that they reach out to their teachers to make up any work allows them to prioritize their mental and academic health. Students should not be punished for being actively involved in the MSMS community. This bill ensures students get adequate rest and continue to thrive physically and academically.

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

PART C: STUDENT ACTIVITIES

In addition to the activities related to wellness dimensions, there is a wide variety of activities ranging from dances and parties to intramural sports and trips off campus.

Most of the activities offered by MSMS are free of charge. When the number of participants is limited, students may be asked to sign up. Occasionally, students will be asked to pay the price of admission to special events. The fee may be forfeited if the student fails to go on the trip. Any student needing assistance paying for a ticket should talk with the Director for Student Affairs. Suggestions for activities from students are sought and encouraged through various committees or by simply passing on the suggestion to one of the staff. Some activities may require out-of-state travel.

Unexcused Absences

Because both human and fiscal resources are committed to planned activities, students who sign up to participate and miss the activity without receiving prior approval to be absent, will be charged with an unexcused absence. For instance, if you agree to go on an academic or non-academic field trip and decide the day before that you are not going, the absence will be unexcused if the sponsor does not approve the absence. If students miss the first 10 minutes of an activity, he/she will be reported as having an unexcused absence.

Whether the absence is academic or non-academic, the consequences are the same as indicated below.

1st Absence Saturday School (4 hours), Parent Notified (Level II E #17)

2nd Absence Weekend Residence Hall Restriction, Parent Notified (Level II E #17)

3rd Absence In Hall Restriction (3 days), Probation, Parent Notified (Level II E #17)

4th Absence In Hall Restriction (5 days), Probation, Parent Notified (Level II E #17)

5th Absence Referral to the Director for Academic Affairs as a Level III which could lead to dismissal from school (Level III G #20)

Unexcused absences carry over from the first semester to second semester.

Late Return Policy

Students who arrive at the residence halls past 12 a.m. from sports or other school events/competitions will be excused from first block. if they have a class the following morning. Students are responsible for making up any missed work.