

PURPOSE: If a student is over 30 mins late to class because they weren't awoken in time by a residential staff, it should only count as a tardy.

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

SECTION ONE (DEFINITIONS):

Students will be given a tardy if they are late to class and it will result in a written warning Level I. However, if the student is over 30 minutes late to class it will count as an unexcused absence and they will be given a level II.

SECTION TWO (REASONING):

The reason for this change is because if a student happens to oversleep and someone does not wake them up on time, I don't believe it would be fair for the student to receive a level II when they did not mean to intentionally skip class.

SECTION THREE (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

On page 46 of the Student Handbook (PDF page 51), the following would be changed to:

Students are expected to be on time for all classes. Students who arrive after the beginning of class disrupt the learning of others and miss valuable instruction. During the first five days of the fall semester of each school year, students are allowed a period of adjustment to their schedules. After five days, students who are late to class will be sent to the Office of Academic Affairs where they will be issued a tardy. An exception will be made only for students late for a class in the Shackleford or Shattuck buildings. Teachers in those buildings must notify the Office of Academic Affairs once the student has been admitted to the class. Students who are more than 30 minutes late for an academic class will receive an unexcused absence, unless they are not woken up on time by residential staff.

SECTION FOUR (APPENDIX):

"One weekday, I had overslept my alarm, as did my roommate, and as a result, our hall director had to physically come to our dorm to wake us up. Unfortunately, they had woken us up at the 30 minute mark in which a student can miss class to be called a tardy before it becomes an unexcused absence. I would love to have this bill passed so that others like myself and upcoming juniors aren't unfairly given an unexcused absence." - Anonymous Frazer Resident