

East Lake Families:

After much thought and many revisions, the staff at East Lake would like to share the revised tardy policy that will go into effect Monday, August 29th. Our goal for every student at East Lake is to give them as much class time as possible, and the revision of detention instead of IC, (where the student would miss the next class day for 4 tardies in the same class), will help us realize this goal. Thank you for your continued support.

Pinellas County School Board Tardy Policy:

Every third tardy will count as an absence for exam exemption qualification to accumulate per semester. Tardies are accumulated for consequences in each individual class during the six week grading period.

Revised East Lake High School Tardy Policy 2011-2012 effective 8/29/2011

1st Tardy- Verbal Warning, tardy logged in Portal

2nd Tardy- Verbal warning, tardy logged in Portal

3rd Tardy- Verbal warning, tardy logged in Portal and counts as an absence for final exam purposes

4th Tardy-After School Detention: Tues or Thurs. 1:55-2:20

5th Tardy (or late to or miss detention) student is assigned to ABS

6th Tardy-Administrative Action particular to each individual case to promote attendance

7th Tardy and up, decided on individual basis and previous Administrative Action

****Detention will be run from a staff member's classroom and will be announced on Eagle Eye, the morning announcements, and at the end of the day.**

****Because detention starts at 1:55, five minutes after the final bell rings, this will allow the student to make it to detention on time. If they are late, it counts as a missed detention.**

****A sign-in sheet in the detention room will be used to keep track of who is present.**

****A "detention served" pass will be given to the student to take back to the teacher that assigned the original detention, so it can be recorded appropriately.**

****No student may leave detention for any reason, unless it is a true emergency.**

****Students may do school work during detention.**

****PCSB code of student conduct guidelines will be followed in detention.**

Definition of "Tardy"

Tardy is defined as the final bell ringing and the student is not in class/in their seat.

Tardies accrue in a six week period, and are started fresh at the beginning of next six week period.

Students have six minutes between classes, which is more than enough time to get to class and take care of all personal needs. All partial absences (tardies) are considered unexcused unless: 1) the student has come from the office and has a pass from office personnel; 2) the student has come from the clinic and has a pass from the nurse; 3) the student arrives late to school, but has come straight from an appointment and has a doctor's note or the parent walks them to student services and signs them in; or 4) the school bus arrived late. In addition, a pass from another teacher will be accepted, but this should not happen often—everyone's class is an important part of the student's education.

Instructional time is precious. It is the student's responsibility to get to class on time. Morning traffic around the school is not an excuse. We all know it is congested. Students simply have to get an earlier start to ensure that they arrive at school on time.

Our student's academic success is directly correlated to class attendance. Tardies will ultimately adversely reflect a student's performance. Everyone involved in our student's education is responsible for working together to assure that students are on time, present, and ready to learn in each of their classes.