



# Newton Middle School

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## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE AT NMS

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Dear Parents,

Student attendance is monitored on a class period by class period basis at Newton Middle School. If you pick your child up early or drop them off late, they will be counted absent for the classes that they missed. Upon returning to school, they must have a note from either a doctor or a parent to be counted as an excused absence. If the child does not bring a note to school for each time they are absent, picked up early, or dropped off late it will be counted as an unexcused absence. Newton Middle School note procedure is that a student can only bring 9 parent notes in a school year that will be counted as an excused absence. Doctor's notes will count as an excused absence and may be verified. These parent and doctor's notes will help the student to not be legally truant.

As for earning credit for each class, a student must be in each class 90% of the school year. At the Middle School, we take roll every class period. A student must be at school for 90% of the year in every class in order to receive credit and possibly be promoted to the next grade. The policy below states the 90% rule that is enforced in Newton ISD. In order for our children to get the best education possible, it is of the utmost importance that they be at school the entire day.

TEA and Board Policy state:

In order to receive credit or a final grade for a class, a student is required to attend class 90 percent of the days class is offered regardless of whether the student's absences are excused [see FEA] or unexcused. Atty. Gen. Op. JC-0398 (2001) (FEC LEGAL).

**If a student does not attend class 90 percent of the days the class is offered, they may not be promoted to the next grade and they will have to repeat their current grade.**

For students that have excess attendance violations, letters will be sent home stating that they will have to recover their time with Saturday School. During Saturday School we **do not** run buses and we **do not** provide breakfast or lunch. If the student chooses not to attend Saturday School for attendance recovery, the student may be retained.

If you have any questions, please contact the Middle School at 409-420-6600.

Thank you,

Cathy Marshall

Principal Newton Middle School