



Attendance Procedures for Parents

Please refer to the *Attendance Section* of the online Student Handbook for complete rules and guidelines. The Student Handbook can be found by visiting Marcus' website, mhs.lisd.net, under the "Other Resources" dropdown menu.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, a parent should call the morning of the absence (refer to the alpha chart at the bottom of this page for your clerk). A parent may also send a signed note no later than the third school day after the absence to get it excused. Unexcused absences will result in a 'zero' grade for that day in each missed class. Faxed and emailed parent notes can be accepted to excuse an absence.

LISD will accept no more than 10 parent notes (partial or full day absence) in a school year to excuse an illness, personal, or pre-approved absence. Any additional absences will require a note from a health care provider or documentation of an absence exempt from compulsory attendance, in order to be excused.

If the student visited a medical professional (doctor/dentist, etc.) while out, the doctor's note should be provided to the clerk upon their return. By presenting this medical note, it may help keep a student from loss of credit for too many absences. All-day medical absences DO NOT automatically exempt a student from loss of credit; a partial-day absence—with a medical note—will not count towards loss of credit.

Students arriving more than 20 minutes after class has started, without a medical note/excuse, are considered absent.

Homework Requests

A parent may request homework assignments on the second day of absence by calling the attendance clerk before 10:00am. Most assignments can be found on the teacher's websites which are located under the staff directory on our website. Instructions are given out the first day of class in most cases. You are also welcome to email the teachers directly for the quickest response time. All email addresses are listed on the MHS website.

Late Arrival / Early Release

Any time a student comes in late or leaves early, they MUST sign in/out with their attendance clerk. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action. Students who become ill at school must see and check out through the nurse and not just contact their parent on their personal phone. Students who leave without checking out through the nurse or their attendance clerk will receive disciplinary consequences.

Appointments / Parent Note

Parents should send a note with the student indicating the time they need to leave. Upon receiving the parent note, a pass will be issued to the student for leaving at the designated time. If a note was not sent with the student, please come to the main office to sign them out. Allow plenty of time before your appointment to give us time to get the student out of class. Calls will be accepted for appointments made the same day. *It is extremely difficult to get students once they have gone to an athletic class that may be at another location off campus. PLANNING AHEAD IS CRUCIAL TO HELP YOU MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT ON TIME!*

Planned Pre-Approved Absences

Unless the absence is for illness or a medical appt., pre-approval by the campus principal is required to ensure the absence is excused. Fill out the form and bring to attendance clerk at least one week in advance.

Attendance Clerks Alphabet assigned by the first letter of the student's last name:

	Assigned Clerk	Phone Number	Fax Number
A-CT	Betty Jo Barnard	469-948-7032	214-626-1778
CU-HT	Wendy Granberry	469-948-7006	214-626-1775
HU-MN	Irene Jenuwine	469-948-7034	214-626-1776

	Assigned Clerk	Phone Number	Fax Number
MO-SD	Sharon Morton	469-948-7035	214-626-1780
SE-Z	Marcey Fox	469-948-7030	972-350-9313