



March 18, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to discuss two topics, attendance and the prom.

Student attendance is essential to positive student performance. The high school prom is on Thursday, May 30th this year. We understand that many students in past years made plans to be away over the weekend following the prom. This means that they were not present in school on the Friday following the prom. Some students even extended this time away from school beyond the weekend.


Below I have outlined reasons, some connected to our attendance policy, why making good choices in the second semester of senior year is important.

- 1) All seniors are enrolled in "health class" the last quarter of their senior year. Our attendance policy for quarter year courses calls for loss of credit if a student is absent from class more than three times, whether the absences are excused or unexcused.
- 2) Discretion regarding health class absences, or any other absences which place a student in jeopardy of not receiving credit for a course, will not be extended to any student who has an unexcused absence the day or days following the prom.
- 3) The safety and well-being of our students is paramount. Common sense tells us that the longer a student is away without adult supervision, the greater is the chance that an unfortunate incident may occur.

We ask for your partnership by encouraging good attendance for your child. Should you have questions about your child's attendance, please be sure to check his or her attendance in Parent Access or contact the high school main office directly at 973-331-7100, ext. 2608.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Dr. René Rovtar
Superintendent of Schools