



Union High School District

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Senior Attendance Guidelines

Because of the increased number of unexcused absences/cuts for our seniors over the past several years, the Taft Union High School District will implement new guidelines that encourage seniors to attend classes on a regular basis. It has long been determined that students who attend school regularly have a higher grade point average as well as a higher graduation rate than those students who miss 10 or more class periods. **Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, the following guidelines will be in effect for all seniors:**

- I. **Level 1**—3 period unexcused absences/**5** tardies: when a student has accumulated 3 unexcused absences for one or more classes or 5 tardies, a warning letter will be mailed to the student's parent or guardian.
- II. **Level 2**—8 period unexcused absences/**10** tardies: when a student has accumulated 8 unexcused absences for one or more classes or 10 tardies, student will be given consequences and letter with consequences will be mailed home.
- III. **Level 3**—15 period unexcused absences/**18** tardies: when a student has accumulated 15 unexcused absences for one or more classes or 18 tardies, the student and parent/guardian will be required to meet with the student's counselor. The parent and student will also be required to sign a letter stating that additional cuts could result in the student not being permitted to participate in senior activities as well as the Commencement ceremony.
- IV. **Level 4**—20 period unexcused absences/**24** tardies: the Principal or Assistant Principal will meet with the parent and student where senior activities will begin to be revoked and to inform the student and parent that with additional cuts, the student will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement ceremony.
- V. **Level 5**—**24+ unexcused absences:** Parent and student will receive a letter stating that the Principal has removed the student's name from the Commencement ceremony.

One of the primary goals of the Taft Union High School District is not only to provide students with the necessary skills and knowledge to become self-sufficient, but to also prepare them to be good citizens with a strong work ethic. The Taft Union High School District believes that good attendance is crucial to the success of all of our students.