

Committee Plan for Student Absenteeism/ Tardy Incentives

PHASE ONE-CONTINUOUS

Each day, before "DO NOW" each teacher takes the first **30-60 seconds** to have **all students reflect** on the **purpose of the class in connection to their lives.**

Remind students that each of us has a purpose greater than ourselves. We have very limited time in class as we do in life. **No student should leave this class without learning something they did not know before entering.** Time is precious. For the remainder of this class period, we will agree to focus on our common and individual purpose.

On the first day, read inspirational message from **Mr. Gray, principal of BEST HIGH SCHOOL:**

*To realize
The value of a sister/brother
Ask someone
Who doesn't have one.*

*To realize
The value of ten years:
Ask a newly
Divorced couple.*

*To realize
The value of four years:
Ask a graduate.*

*To realize
The value of one year:
Ask a student who
Has failed a final exam.*

*To realize
The value of nine months:
Ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.*

*To realize
The value of one month:
Ask a mother who has given birth to
A premature baby.*

*To realize
The value of one week:
Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.*

*To realize
The value of one minute:
Ask a person*

Who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize

The value of one-second:

Ask a person

Who has survived an accident.

Time waits for no one.

Treasure every moment you have.

PHASE TWO- WITHIN ONE WEEK

Grade level assemblies: students, teachers, principal, parents, counselor, student leaders"

Discuss importance of being in class on time prepared to learn and work; unnecessary/unexcused absences; impact on our school and budget; impact on grades.

Suggestion: schedule the first sessions Wednesday, February 21st after securing parent participation and student leadership speakers.

PHASE THREE

Incentives for perfect attendance/ no tardies for each remaining Marking Period.

Suggested Incentives: TBD If we can we use KFC money for \$50.00 to \$100.00 Savings Bond. Mrs. Ferguson has said that she will report next week how much BEST is entitled to for KFC money.

Alternative Award to students meeting perfect attendance guidelines and no tardies: This could also be awarded as a **Scholarship Fund contribution**- which is allowable under the terms of the grant- to be awarded upon graduation. Students who receive the award would have it placed in their "account" until graduation.

Phase FOUR

In honor of McClymond's past tradition of the Block M Club, appoint a **student committee to help plan and increase attendance and reduce tardies. Student-driven ideas to address situation and weekly check-points presented briefly at our Wednesday In-service meetings.**

PHASE FIVE

Board Member, Gregory Hodge, and UCB Undergraduate Director of Admissions, Walter Robinson have agreed to make regular visits to our students to address important issues and to motivate students. Develop a monthly forum wherein our community partner support partners address our students and include this issue.

Additional Partners:

Local Rotary

Melissa Bus, Aegis Realty

Robert Hadden

Reps from our College and Career Center

Brenda McCuiston, Key Club Sponsor and Director for Motivating the Teen Spirit