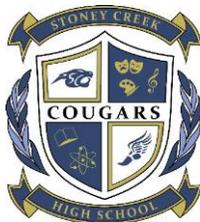


# Stoney Creek High School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are aware, the district Attendance Committee is piloting an incentive program to promote consistent daily attendance, which has now been in place for four semesters.

Attendance data from last year and first quarter of this year shows a dramatic decrease in the total number of student absences and tardies as compared to previous years. In the first quarter (10 weeks) of the school year, absences have been reduced by an average of 35% since the incentive was introduced. This equates to well over 16,000 hours of increase in instructional time.

In an effort to gather consistent data, the incentive remains the same as it was last year.

Students may *choose* to opt out of their semester final exams if they meet the following criteria:

- No more than three absences in any class for a semester
- No semester suspensions

Note: Missing 10 or more minutes of a class equals an absence.

Students must also meet one of the following academic criteria:

- Minimum grade of 77% in a class, OR
- Minimum grade of 65% AND no missing assignments or assessments in the class.

Points of Clarification:

1. Students who qualify for the final exam incentive will still have the *option* of taking the final exam. The grade will be calculated into the semester grade if it improves the final grade. These students will not have their grades lowered if they choose to take the exam.
2. The minimum grade criterion (77% in the class, or 65% and no missing assignments) must be fulfilled within five school days prior to the end of the semester or as directed by the teacher.
3. Disqualification due to suspension can take place up to and including exam days.
4. Absences for school business, such as field trips, RCS athletic absences, or RCS testing, will not count toward the three absences. All other absences are counted the same, with the possible exception of religious holidays.
5. Every three tardies equal one absence. (More than 10 minutes missing class = absence.)
6. Students can review their absences in StudentVUE. If a student reaches four absences or more in any one class they do not qualify for the incentive in any class.
7. Students who are scheduled to take the final exam and do not complete the final exam will receive an *E*. There is no make-up exam.

Thank you for all of your continued support as we partner together to ensure student excellence, achievement and success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathryn Skedel".

Cathryn Skedel, Ph.D.  
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