

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL

LOCAL POLICY

7/16/06
DATE APPROVED

11/19/14
DATE AMENDED

DATE DELETED

ATTENDANCE

Students enrolled in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School are expected to follow the Mississippi State requirements for the number of unexcused absences allowed within a given school year. It is further required students arrive on time.

1. Absences and Tardiness patterns will be tracked through a record-keeping system.
2. The office will send a letter to the parents of students having accumulated 8 unexcused absences within the school year informing them of the excessive unexcused absences.
3. The office will contact the parents after three tardies within a nine week period and issue a one hour detention once a student reaches five unexcused tardies in a nine week period.

Students arriving late:

- miss part of the academics of the class
- require special attention and take time that could be used otherwise
- develop behavior patterns that are undesirable in school and later in work
- may receive social pressure by peers that can lower their self-esteem

Research has shown:

- attendance problems correlate directly to achievement problems
 - attendance problems are associated with lack of preparation to enter the work force
4. Parents will be informed all tardies and absences will be documented in student records.
 5. Programs or possible plans for resolution will be set up and parental commitment will need to be obtained.
 6. Parents/students will be informed of possible afterschool detention requirement if tardies continue.
 7. Excessive absences may be a factor in consideration for retention.