



## **UHS Revised Tardy Plan - Launching January 4th, 2023**

Hello Cougars and Cougar families! Beginning on January 4th, 2023, University High School will feature a revised tardy policy focusing on incentivizing students who are rarely late to class and the removal of privileges for students who are habitually tardy. This new policy is in response to the 400 plus students who are tardy to at least one class every day and the disruption and loss of learning that comes from this. Please note that this policy will be applied to ALL of our students without exception.

### **Application**

- Students with negative Cougar Credits and/or more than 20 or more tardies will lose certain privileges.
  - For every tardy that a student accumulates, they will receive -1 Cougar Credits
  - Teachers who are rewarding Cougar Credit will receive weekly recognition of the top 5 Cougar Credit givers.
  - The cumulative amount of tardies per quarter (20) will reset each quarter in order to award students who are showing positive behavioral changes.
  - Positive/Negative Cougar Credits will not reset at quarter/semester mark
  - Students with positive Cougar Credits and less than 3 tardies will receive certain additional incentives
  - Teachers who are rewarding Cougar Credit will receive weekly recognition of the top 5 Cougar Credit givers.
- If a student is tardy 5 or more times within a singular day, they will accumulate an absence and receive an additional -5 Cougar Credits
- If a student accumulates 20 or more overall tardies per quarter, they will lose privileges regardless of their Cougar Credit balance
- Students will begin the Spring semester with a minimum of 20 positive Cougar Credits. For future years, students will begin the year with 20 positive Cougar Credits and this amount will not reset at the semester.

### **Tardy Sweeps**

- Tardy sweeps will occur during a defined class period in a defined building on a daily basis. A bathroom sweep will be done in the corresponding restrooms and in between both lunches on a daily basis.
  - Students who are caught on a Tardy Sweep will receive an additional -1 Cougar Credit.

### **Tardy Tracking and Communication**

- Daily attendance report will be pulled each morning
- A daily message will be sent to parents via School Messenger if their students misses even one class period or if they are tardy to even one class period
- Student Cougar Credit balances will be updated daily based on their amount of tardies
- When a student is late due to a late bus, they will not accrue an unexcused tardy nor loss of Cougar Credits. To assist teachers with this input, a late bus stamp/pass will begin to be utilized.
- If a student is tardy at the start of the day to 1st Period without an excused pass, they will be marked tardy unexcused each and every time.
  - The only exception is if there is a conflict beyond our control such as weather, an accident, construction, etc.

### **Incentives/Loss of Privileges**

Homecoming

Prom

Athletics Participation

PFA Participation (with the exception of co-curricular requirements)

Extracurricular Participation

Student Parking Eligibility

Pep Rally Attendance

Grad Bash

Priority Course Registrations (for positive incentives)

Food Gift Certificates/Coupons (for positive incentives, as available)

Ability to select the weekly tardy song (for positive incentives)

Full Student Body considerations for privileges (linked to overall attendance and tardiness)

*Administration reserves the right to update this list as new interventions/incentives are identified*

### **Parent Responsibility**

- Check Skyward attendance daily to be on top of your students' attendance habits.
- Ensure that your student is waking up each morning with enough time to get to first period prior to the 7:20 bell....
- Talk with your students about the importance of punctuality in the workplace and how that habit is learned in school.

