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Skyline teachers and administration are working together to combat poor attendance. We are striving to help students realize the importance of being in class and on-time. This aspect of school has been a problem since the origin of school and will probably stay with us as a concern in perpetuity. Nonetheless, our hope is to inspire students to be in class more regularly and on-time more often. We are approaching the problem with a focus on the positive. Yet, we are heightening the vigilance and will enforce more stringently the rules surrounding tardiness.

Positive Behavior Supports is a concept that focuses attention on the desired behavior rather than only calling out students for poor behavior. We are employing this strategy with respect to tardiness in four ways. We are focusing on third period specifically.

1. Teachers will recognize students immediately for coming to class on-time.
2. Classes with two weeks of no tardiness will receive a class reward.
3. A competition between third period classes will begin. The class with the fewest late students in a six-week period will receive a pizza party.
4. When the entire school reduces tardiness by 75%, the administration will allow an hour-long lunch.

Teachers will be paying close attention to attendance and will be focusing on the data to identify students who are late repeatedly. They will be working with these students specifically to inspire a change.

Finally, teachers are using a new hall pass procedure. The expectation is that students will be allowed to use the hall pass less frequently. Students should avoid asking for the hall pass during the first and last 10 minutes of the class period (pending an emergency). The hope is that students will recognize the value of staying in class by seeing an increased understanding of the day's lesson topic.

As we focus on this compliance aspect of school, I hope that our use of positive efforts will be a fun way to get students to class and on-time more regularly.

We want to hear from you about the teachers at Skyline. Please, take a moment each week and tell us about the great things happening in the classrooms of Skyline High School. We created a new link for this year starting today. This is a link for this: <https://forms.gle/ucQADTDhwRXkFvD2A>

This week the Skyline community honors Ms. Liz Johnson. Ms. Johnson is an amazing teacher! She is understanding and incredibly patient. She helps students with all their problems in learning Spanish, and she has even inspired me to integrate Spanish into my future career. I look forward to going to class every time! Thank you, Ms. Johnson, for being an amazing example to all your students and empowering us

Thanks, Ms. Johnson, for all you do to help Skyline Eagles RISE.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mitch Nerdin, Principal

Skyline High School