

## **Dear HRMS Families,**

This edition of the HRMS News will focus on attendance and what to do if your child is absent from school.

### **Daily Attendance Required**

We are taking daily attendance for every class during Comprehensive Distance Learning. Schools are required by the state of Oregon to count evidence of independent work as being present at school. Students who turn in assignments or contact their teacher during the school day but are not present during the "live video class" will be marked as present but "T" or tardy. Attendance will be collected and reported the following school day.

### **Automated Phone Calls**

Each teacher will report student attendance from the previous school day. Please remember that we are required to count a student as present in a class if they turn in an assignment from a class they missed on Google Meets. Families will be called starting at 11:00 AM with an automated call system if the student was absent and not excused by the family in the previous school day.

### **Families Excusing Student Absences**

Please continue to excuse your student if they require an absence. You can do this by calling (541) 386-2114 and pressing 2 at anytime during the greeting. Maria Diaz will be recording attendance in our office this year. She is bi-literate in English and Spanish and can be reached by email at [maria.diaz@hoodriver.k12.or.us](mailto:maria.diaz@hoodriver.k12.or.us)

### **Attendance Matters!**

I can't emphasize enough the power of attendance. Poor school attendance impacts learning and emotional health. Presence is essential for all learning, relationships, and future careers. Hood River Middle School is committed to helping students and families achieve excellent attendance. We will follow the below plan to re-engage students who are not attending school.

1. Automated Calling System Notifies Families of Student Absences
2. Family Contact Will Be Made By Our School On The 3rd Consecutive Absence Without Explanation. Potential Intervention Plan Developed With Family And Student
3. School Will Place Student On An Attendance Intervention Plan If A Student Misses 5 Consecutive Days Of School Without Explanation. Community Resources To Support Family Will Be Employed As Appropriate. Continued Plan To Support Student Attendance.
4. School Resource Deputy Intervention After Two Weeks Of No Family Contact

I hope your child's first few days of school has been a success. I get to be a co-advisor with Ms. Mall in 7th Grade this year. Seeing the kids has been absolutely wonderful. I can't tell you how great it is work with students again!

**Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or words of praise about the people or programs of Hood River Middle School. Thank you for your continued support and have a great day!**

Brent M. Emmons, Principal