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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want to inform you about the revised New Jersey State requirements regarding student absenteeism and tardiness (NJSA 18A:38-7) which is now in effect for all NJ schools.

The parent/legal guardian is responsible to ensure that the student attends school regularly and on time. Failure to comply with the new state requirements may result in the filing of a truancy report for your son/daughter. While the Hackensack District Absentee Policy has not changed (i.e., a student is allowed no more than 16 unwaived absences), the state attendance policy has changed:

- FOUR (4) “unwaived” absences from school **require the parent or guardian to write a letter to the dean explaining the student’s absences;**
- FIVE (5) to NINE (9) “unwaived” absences from school **require the parent/guardian to meet with the dean to create an “action plan;”**
- TEN (10) or more “unwaived” absences **require the dean to file a “TRUANCY” report with the School Resource Officer.**

You, as the parent/guardian, may write a note explaining an absence to satisfy the state policy, yet official documentation (doctor’s note, court papers, college visit, note about religious holiday, etc.) is required for an absence to be “waived” as per district policy. Visit the website www.hackensackhigh.org to review which documentation is required for an absence to be “waived.” Thank you for your cooperation and patience!

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