



North Shore Senior High

Galena Park Independent School District

Dr. Joe Coleman, Principal

December 4, 2021

Dear Mustang Families,

As you know, school attendance plays an important role in ensuring your child receives a quality education. Regular school attendance is a key component in the successful growth and development of all students, especially as they transition to adult life. Studies show there is a strong correlation between low attendance, declining achievement, and increased dropout rates. Missed instruction and the challenges that the students face as they attempt to complete missed assignments may negatively impact student performance and their feelings toward school.

It is very important that all students attend school regularly unless they are ill. If your child is experiencing a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting they should not attend school. You may contact our school nurse at [832-386-4132](tel:832-386-4132) for more information. Additionally, Galena Park ISD has a partnership with the Legacy Clinic located here at NSSH to help provide medical services to our students. They may be reached at [713-574-9725](tel:713-574-9725). After returning from an illness please submit a doctor's note or a parent note within 3 days of your child's return to school. The first five parent notes will excuse an absence due to illness, as long as the duration of the absence is between 1-4 consecutive days. All absences of 5 days or longer will require a doctor's note. All absences for which students bring a doctor's note will be considered an excused absence. Please see page 3 of the [student handbook](#) for more information.

The state of Texas requires all students to be present in class for at least 90% of the instructional period in order for a student to earn course credit. **Both excused and unexcused absences count for credit loss related to the Compulsory School Attendance Law.** If your child is in danger of losing credit in one or more classes you will be notified by a campus administrator.

Galena Park ISD highly values each and every student's educational experience. It is important that your child be in school every day in order to prepare for a successful future in college or their chosen career. It is only through the joint efforts of parents, students, and school staff that this goal can be achieved.

Parents of 12th grade students please read the back of this letter for very important information related to your child's senior year spring activities. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe A. Coleman', with a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. Joe Coleman, Principal

Dear Class of 2022 and Parents,

To ensure students maximize every opportunity for learning, Galena Park ISD is implementing a high school attendance plan that impacts the following: enrolling in filler classes, attending the senior prom and participating in the graduation ceremony. It is important to remember, each of these are privileges that must be earned.

The table below provides guidelines** for the Galena Park ISD High School Attendance Plan:

| 2nd Semester Total Days of Instruction – 91 | |
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| 7 or more absences* | <p>Loss of privilege to attend the senior prom</p> <p><i>*The only absences that will NOT be included in these totals are absences due to school business, ISS, other disciplinary placement or severe medical conditions, including COVID, as documented by a physician.</i></p> <p><i>**These guidelines include underclassmen who may be invited to attend prom**</i></p> |
| 10 or more absences* | <p>Loss of privilege to participate in graduation ceremony</p> <p><i>(Students will still earn a diploma, but will NOT be able to participate in the graduation ceremony)</i></p> <p><i>*The only absences that will NOT be included in these totals are absences due to school business, ISS, other disciplinary placement or severe medical conditions, including COVID, as documented by a physician.</i></p> <p><i>**These guidelines include underclassmen who may be invited to attend prom**</i></p> |