



Tardy Policy

At White Memorial Adventist School we strongly believe that teaching our students to be on time for their commitments is an important life skill. We further believe that allowing for repeated tardiness diminishes the importance of this issue in the mind of the student.

Frequent tardiness at the beginning of school is an avoidable problem. In most cases it can be corrected by simply adjusting the alarms a few minutes to allow for an earlier departure from home.

Our students must realize that they are expected to be at school **on time each day**. When the morning bell rings, they are to be in their designated lines, ready to enter the classroom. This is an important time when teachers make announcements and have worship and pray with their students. This morning time helps to establish a relaxed and positive tone for the day. Students entering late not only miss out on this important aspect of the school experience, but they frequently disrupt the class.

According to our tardy policy students who arrive late **MUST** report to the office. There they will be given a late slip. If the student brings a note from a parent or guardian requesting an excuse for a legitimate reason the tardy slip will indicate an excused tardy. However, students arriving without an excuse note will receive an unexcused tardy. **Unexcused tardies result in loss of citizenship points which determines eligibility to attend field trips, hold class office and graduation with honors or high honors.**

We are asking parents to impress upon your child the importance of this issue. Please set a good example.

We have read the above tardy policy adopted by this school and understand and agree to abide by the terms set by WMAS.

Name of **STUDENT** _____

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Name of **PARENT** _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____