



Carver Middle High School

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Building a connection between school and home is something that we work hard to achieve. As a student in grades 9-12, attendance is more important than ever. Research has shown that a student's attendance may be the greatest factor influencing his/her academic, social and emotional success. Not only can attendance have a major impact on academic performance, but it can also impede their ability to earn credits toward graduation.

As stated in the 2024-2025 Middle High School Student Handbook: Students who fail to attend 90% of the class meetings will suffer the loss of credit for that course. Students who have more than 8 unauthorized absences in a class that meets for one semester will lose all credits for that course. Students who have more than 16 unauthorized absences in a class that meets for the full year will lose all credit for that course. Students who lose course credit but pass the course will still receive a grade for the course but will lose credits toward the completion of their graduation requirements. Graduation requirements require students to pass specific courses in addition to earning a total of 130 credits in their four years of high school. Losing credits in a course could result in the need to attend summer school. If your student is under the age of 16 and has 8 or more absences in a term, we are required to file a CRA (Child Requiring Assistance) with the Plymouth County court system.

Students and guardians will be contacted through email and mail when a student:

1. Has 5 or more daily absences (Warning)
2. Exceeds the allotted number of classroom absences (Credit Denial)

In addition, as a review here is the information from the school handbook in regards to the school's dismissal process and how it relates to academics and co-curricular activities.

I. DISMISSALS

All appointments should be scheduled during non-school time, whenever possible. However, when it is unavoidable that a student be dismissed, parents submit plans for changes for their student by accessing the Pick Up Patrol app through their smartphone or computer.

A. DISMISSAL PROCESS SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Pick up Patrol entry made or an email to MHSdismissals@carver.org. The email should include the information in items 2-5 below.

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2. Reasons for dismissal (medical appointment, legal appointment, family business or family emergency.) Students must submit documentation from the courts or a physician if their dismissals are to be excused;
3. Time of dismissal;
4. Name of the person who will be dismissing the student if someone other than a parent/guardian(s);
5. A telephone number where the parent/guardian(s) can be reached if the student is signing out of school on his/her own.
6. Students are not allowed to return for co-curricular activities if the dismissal is not an excused dismissal

We encourage all students and parents to access their Aspen accounts at least once a week to stay up to date on grades and attendance. If you have any questions about grades, please reach out to specific teachers. In Aspen, every student and parent has the ability to see how many absences their student has accumulated in each class. Please follow these instructions to locate this information:

1. Log into Aspen
2. Click on Academics (Top Tab)
3. Here you will see all listed classes with grades and absences specific to each class
4. If you would like to see what dates the student was marked absent, you can click on an individual class and then click on the side tab Attendance

Please also keep in mind that a student's ability to arrive at school on time and be here for the full day is extremely important. The tardy policy for the school can be found in the student handbook. We ask for your continued partnership in helping us focus on the academic, social, and emotional success of your student for a great year.

Sincerely,

The Carver Middle High School Administration & School Counseling Department