

Edward L. Pine Middle School

REVISED TARDY/UNIFORM POLICY

In an effort to address some of the concerns of parents, teachers and staff the following changes have been made in an effort to support the educational goals of Pine Middle School.

TARDY/UNIFORM VIOLATION PROCEDURES:

The distractions caused by students arriving out of uniform compliance or late to class are an infringement on the educational rights of other students and are unfair to the teachers. Goals established to positively effect the learning environment are negatively effected when students do not follow the established requirements for dress. Likewise, certain elements of instructional activity and learning are irrevocably missed when students arrive late to class. In order to develop and encourage student self-discipline, every member of the staff will implement a single, firm, equitable, and consistent uniform and tardy policy. We will encourage students to develop habits that will carry over into the world beyond the classroom. Being punctual and dressed appropriately is crucial to success in any type of employment.

- A student who is **not in uniform** as established by the Pine Uniform Dress Policy is considered in dress code violation.
- A student who is **not in the classroom** when the bell rings is considered tardy. Teacher discretion and consideration should be extended to students entering the room just as the class bell rings.

Teachers will continue to record students' tardies in the computer system. Teachers will send students in dress code violation to the Dean's Office (room 105) to correct the dress infraction and have it recorded in the computer system.

Tardy and Dress Reviews: Each week a report will be developed that identifies the number of tardy and dress infractions. A review of continued violations will be performed and further consequences assigned, as described below.

- **Tardy/Uniform Consequences:** The following procedures will be implemented on a quarterly basis:
 - **3rd Violation:** Lunch Detention
 - **5th Violation:** Friday Night Lights (Friday After-school Detention Program) and telephone contact with parents or guardians.
 - **7th Violation:** One day of Restricted Instruction and Required Parent Conference.
 - **Subsequent Violations:** Subject to other forms of discipline including suspension.

Tardy/Uniform Sweeps: At random times through the day, the school will institute "sweeps" of various areas of the building. Any student found to be tardy or in violation of the uniform policy will be subject to a Dean's Lunch Detention to be served the next available lunch period. The student will be provided a Detention Notification sheet for the student to sign. This sheet is for the protection of the student. The student's signature is proof of his/her presence when reporting to class after attendance has been taken. If the student is tardy, does not sign the sheet and is marked absent, the **absence will remain**.

The Pine Middle School Uniform Dress Policy is available for review at our school's website: <http://www.washoecountyschools.org/pine/> Print copies are also available in the office.