

# NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

Every year our school, in cooperation with New York State education officials, adopts an **attendance policy**. Students that are enrolled in accelerated courses for high school credit (Earth Science, Algebra I, and Grade 8 Foreign Language) must maintain 85% attendance to be eligible for credit. **Twenty-seven absences** (*excused or unexcused*) during the school year will result in no credit being awarded for the specific course. Any student with a pattern of poor attendance will meet with an Assistant Principal in order to make a determination on eligibility for extracurricular activities. **Also, in order to participate in extracurricular activities on a given school day a student must be in attendance no later than 9:10 a.m.** Students that accrue three **unexcused** lates to school will be assigned a lunch detention as a consequence. Please have your child provide a note to our main office that explains the reason for being late to school (illness, appointment, etc.). The most important aspect of our attendance policy is communication. Please refer to the attendance pamphlet enclosed.

**The eligibility policy** will continue to function as it has during previous years. Students that fail two or more subjects in a given quarter will be placed on academic probation and will meet with an Assistant Principal. At this meeting strategies will be discussed to give students the opportunity to improve their academic standing. Some strategies include: attending the Academic Center to provide educational assistance during the week or filling out a weekly progress report. Failure to meet these and any other requirements will deem a student ineligible for all extracurricular activities including: field trips, dances, clubs, and sports. Probationary status will be reviewed at the end of each marking quarter. In addition, any student who demonstrates a pattern of poor decision-making or earns multiple disciplinary infractions will meet with an Assistant Principal to determine their eligibility status.

We look forward to meeting with your children to discuss the many opportunities that we have for them at the North Country Road Middle School. It is our goal to provide many challenges for our students that inspire true learning and strong character. If you and/or your child have any questions about anything at all, please do not hesitate to call for clarification. We look forward to working with you and your child and wish you the best for another successful school year.

Sincerely,



Christopher Herrschaft  
Assistant Principal



Christopher Cherouvis  
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