

How other schools deal with lateness

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Although Northampton High School starts at 7:30 a.m., students who come in before 8 a.m. are not required to report as tardy to the main office.

Students who fail to sign in after 8 a.m. may be given a day's suspension. If students are up to 10 minutes late for periods 2, 3, or 4, they will be considered tardy. Two tardies are equivalent to an unexcused absence. If a student is more than 10 minutes late and does not have an admission slip from the office stamped "excused," it is to be considered an unexcused absence, and teachers are expected to call home and administer a detention.

Students can make up tardies during the teacher's next available help session within five school days. Suggested tardy makeups are for 15 minutes.

At Hampshire Regional High School, students are allowed three tardies per quarter before serving after-school detention from 2:20 to 3:10 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. Each tardy after the fourth calls for one detention.

"Tardiness isn't a huge issue here," said Mark A. Folta, assistant principal at Hampshire Regional.

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