

Two flavors of excuses

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According to the Easthampton High School student handbook, the following reasons are acceptable - or not - for late arrivals in school, or "tardies."

Acceptable excuses: Documented doctor or dentist appointment that could not be scheduled after school hours, documented court appearance, town emergency or weather extremes.

Unacceptable excuses: Problems with alarm clocks or cars, which could have been anticipated. If you choose to drive your car or to ride with someone else, you should be prepared to accept the consequences if mechanical problems occur or the driver is not dependable. Before-school stops for food or fuel are also not acceptable as valid excuses.