



Cleary School for the Deaf

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ATTENDANCE/LATENESS POLICY

Every student has a right to educational opportunities that will enable the student to develop his or her potential. Attendance/lateness policies are based on the principle that regular and punctual school attendance maximizes the student's interaction with his or her teachers and peers and is a major component of academic success. In addition, the establishment of acceptable attendance habits/patterns is critical if students are to be successful in the adult world outside of school.

Frequent absences of students from regular classroom learning experience disrupt the continuity of the instructional process. Many pupils who miss school frequently experience great difficulty in achieving the maximum benefits of schoolings. The entire process of education requires a regular order to reach the goal of maximum educational benefits.

Due to the direct relationship between achievement and regular daily attendance, the Cleary School has established an Attendance/Lateness Code for the Deaf.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to phone the school their child's attendance at least one hour before the school day starts. The phone number for each school is listed below. If no phone call is made to the school, the school nurse will call the student's home. It is mandatory that an absence note is sent into school the day the student returns. An absence note (see attached) is still required even if the parent or guardian speaks with the nurse.

Nesconset Elementary	631 588 0530
Connetquot Elementary	631 581 1862
Ruth C Kinney Elementary	631 581 1862
East Islip Middle School	631 224 2170
East Islip High School	631 224 2161

When a student has a bad attendance record or is chronically absent for a suspicious reason or refuses to bring notes explaining absences or lateness, the school nurse will notify the principal. The principal will direct the social worker to call the home and make a home visit, if necessary. The parents or guardians will be urged to improve the student attendance record.