

Attendance Policy Changed; Approved By District Board

The following is the new Vernonia High School attendance policy, which became effective January 24, 1974.

Absences from class shall be recorded for each class period of the day. Since the reason for absence is of less importance than the fact that the student was absent at all there will be no distinction or penalty for excused-unexcused absence from any class nor will there be any excuses required or admit slips given within the limitations as listed in this policy statement.

The limitation on absences for any cause shall be eight class periods in any one class per individual student during each nine-week grading period. Upon reaching nine absences from any class during any nine-week grading period, all credit for that nine-week period will be denied and the nine-week grade shall be recorded as "5" (failure). Any exceptions to this rule will be dependant upon meeting all of the following conditions:

(A) All of the days of absence in any class were for justifiable reasons and none were for conditions that could have been avoided by prudent planning.

(B) All work has been completed to the satisfaction of the instructor. Make-up work shall be the sole responsibility of the student that has missed class-whatever the cause of the absence. Make-up work in activity classes shall be instructor-approved independent study projects, extra work, study agreements, or other instructor assigned projects. Such make-up shall have the advance approval of the instructor and shall be satisfactorily completed with the established time limits prior to the granting of grade or credit.

(C) Credit granted for courses in which the eight period limit has been exceeded will be granted only upon the written application of the parent-guardian of the student. Such application will contain an explanation for each absence of the student and will be directed to the Principal for his consideration. The Principal, after consultation with the teacher(s) involved, will recommend either approval or disapproval and refer each application of the Superintendent and District School Board for final action. If credit is denied the parent and student may request a hearing before the Board as specified in the District Handbook for Student Conduct and discipline.

Definitions-Interpretations:
"Absence is ~~not~~ being present and actively engaged in the

classroom activities during the time assigned. Tardiness to class in any period for whatever cause beyond the first fifteen minutes of the class period shall be counted as an absence. Non-participation on any date in an activity course, even though present, shall be counted as an absence.

A student shall be counted as tardy if not present in the proper place within the assigned class area and fully ready to begin class activities at the time the class is scheduled to begin. Three tardinesses in any one class in a nine-week grading period for any cause (s) shall be the equivalent of one absence.

An "Activity" course is any subject-matter area in which the principal type of instruction and learning takes place due to the assigned "activity" of the student—such as physical education, music, shop classes, etc.—as opposed to classes in which the majority of learning activity is involved with teacher demonstration-lecture or completion of reading or written assignments. (Many classes contain both "activity" and the "written" assignments must be "made-up".

The time limitation for make-up work shall be generally double the time of the absence. Any extension of time granted for make-up of missed assignments because of absence shall be teacher-approved for each class and must be mutually arranged prior to the expiration of the established time limitation. (Examples of time limitation: Student "A" has been absent for four school days—Student "A" would have a maximum of eight school days starting on the date of return to school to complete all make-up assignments. Student "B" missed all morning classes on Monday—Student "B" would be required to have completed all make-up assignments by the end of each corresponding period on Wednesday.)

Student Procedures:
Students will report directly to class following any absence or tardiness—regardless of the reason or causes. However, students and parents are reminded that they must justify each and every absence whenever the total absences exceeds eight class periods during any nine-week grading period. If any absence included in the total number of periods cannot be justified, all credit in that class will be denied.

Students present in school on any given day who leave for any reason before final dismissal must check out with the attendance personnel before departing. In case of a student's illness while at school, the school will attempt to contact the parents and arrange for the student to go home. If the parent cannot be contacted, the administration will handle the situation according to their best judgement.

In cases when the absence of the student can be pre-planned, the student shall request an advance excuse from the attendance personnel and shall arrange with each instructor to receive and complete all assignments prior to the planned absence within the limits of practicability. Such advance arrangements should be made as early as is feasible but not later than 24 hours before the pre-planned absence.

Credit for tests will not be granted nor will make-up be allowed if the student has been absent on pre-announced testing dates unless an advance excuse has been arranged with the attendance personnel and approval has been granted by each class instructor. Exceptions will not be allowed on semester test dates nor will advance excuses be granted for those dates unless an extreme emergency exists.

Teacher Procedures:
Each teacher shall take an accurate roll of each class during each assigned instruction period. The roll will be recorded not earlier than 15 minutes nor later than 20 minutes after the beginning of the class. Students shall be accurately listed as absent or tardy and the report sent to the high school office.

Office personnel will prepare a daily summary of the individual teacher reports and distribute copies to all teachers, attendance personnel, and the District Superintendent. Each teacher shall be responsible for correcting discrepancies involving students in their classes as shown on this daily summary

and reporting such errors to the office.

Teachers shall keep an accurate record of attendance in their grade records for each student in their assigned classes. The teacher shall report absences of students to the parents through the use of the school "Progress Report" form periodically. This report shall be mailed by the end of each week in which the total absence of the individual student reaches four and eight class periods in each nine-week grading period. In addition, the teacher shall report attendance on every student in each assigned class to the student's parents at the end of each nine-week grading period on the school grade-attendance report card.

No student is to be sent from or allowed to leave the assigned class area during an instructional period for any reason—including student or teacher errands—without first presenting a written request signed by the instructor for the approval of the Principal or his representative. This provision shall apply to all cases in which the student is to leave the campus. The case of "normal" necessary student movement within the confines of the high school campus during the assigned class hour, the teacher shall provide the student with a teacher-signed "Hall Pass."

Search And Rescue Unit To Be Formed

There will be a meeting Wednesday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Vernonia City Hall for all residents interested in forming a Search and Rescue Unit.

It is emphasized that this will not be a 4-wheel drive club but will function strictly as a unit to engage in search and rescue operations.

For further information contact Steve Poetter, 429-3432.

Senior Citizen News - - -

There was an attendance of 70 at our Monday potluck. All areas had many present, except Rainier. Sorry they could not attend.

We were honored to have Senator Wm. H. Holmstrom and his associate George Drangas with him. Sen. Holmstrom spoke on transport and budget. The old-fashion box social, is planned for Thursday, February 14, Valentines day; in the evening starting at around 6:30 p.m. All you ladies pack a lunch box and please attend. This is for any one who would like to come. Please! Let's make it a success, as the proceeds will go to our Vernonia ambulance fund.

William Thompson the eye doctor will be at the center from 9:30 to 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 5. Many have called asking when Doctor Thompson would be here, so come in and have your glasses adjusted.

Scappoose has invited Vernonia Seniors to their Valentine potluck, Wednesday, February 6, at the Senior Citizens center in Scappoose.

Celeste Poetter is driving for the center now. So please call 429-3912 for your appointments and Celeste will pick you up.

Our next business meeting and potluck will be Friday, February 1, at 12:30 p.m. All Seniors please attend.

PCC Offers Free Seminar To Women

A free seminar open to any woman who wants to explore career opportunities available to her will be held at noon Friday, February 15, at Portland Community College Sylvania, in the Commons.



EVAN PERSYN

Installation Set Sunday

Miss Evan Persyn, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Sherman Fisher will be installed Sunday afternoon, February 3, as Worth Advisor of Nehalem Assembly No. 18, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, in public ceremonies at the Masonic Temple at 2 p.m.

Other elective officers to be seated at the same time will be Jill Beamish, Worth Associate Advisor; Debbie McLean, Char- it; Noel Sturdevent, Hope; Beverly Starr, Faith; Patty Cone, Recorder and Debbie Bergerson, Treasurer.

Miss Patty Cone, who is just completing her term as Worth Advisor will act as installing officer and will be assisted by Patricia Fisher as Marshall; Kathy Poetter, Chaplin; Gwen Tomlin, Recorder and Rhonda Persyn, Musician.

Refreshments will be served after the installation and all friends are welcome to attend the installation.

Fried potatoes may be two to four times as high in calories as a plain baked potato.

World War One Vets Change Meet Date

Following a potluck dinner and business meeting of World War I Veterans and Auxilliary it was decided to change the regular meeting date from the fourth Monday in each month to the first Monday of each month at 12 noon.

The next meet will be held Monday, February 4 in the IOOF Hall at 12 noon with a potluck dinner followed by the regular meeting. Members are urged to attend.

FOREST GROVE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Admitting List
January 24 - Margaret Phinney
January 25 - Douglas Bates

Clinic Dates Rescheduled

The Venereal Disease clinic usually held on the first and third Monday is now set for Tuesday, February 5 and 19. Time for both clinics is 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The Tuberculin Testing is

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JIM BERGERSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bergerson, was identified as his younger brother, Craig, in last week's Eagle. Sorry about that.

usually scheduled for every Monday, with reading of tests on every Wednesday. The testing for these two weeks is rescheduled for Tuesday, February 5th and 19th, with reading on Thursday, February 7th and 21st.

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