

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

DATE August 14, 1974

TO Parents of Central High School Students

FROM E. R. Cone, Superintendent of Schools

The great majority of students who fail have poor attendance records. Our goal is success for all students. Very few students pass who are frequently absent from school. Few fail who attend school regularly.

In an effort to keep students in school who do not have good reason to be absent, the following regulations will go into effect Monday, August 26, 1974:

1. Absences caused by personal illness, serious illness or death in the immediate family, recognized religious holidays, government mandate (for example, pre-induction physical examination for armed forces service, court subpoena), and when school attendance would be hazardous to the health or safety of the student, are EXCUSED ABSENCES. In the case of an excused absences, the student will have an opportunity to make up work missed during such an absence.
2. A student will not be allowed to make up work missed as a result of an UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.
3. A student may receive credit for a quarter's work regardless of the number EXCUSED ABSENCES, if the student can produce the quality of work which justifies such credit.
4. EXCUSED ABSENCES may be documented by a medical doctor, visiting teacher, or any staff member designated by the principal.
5. Credit can not be earned during any one quarter if a student has accumulated more than five UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.
6. If the parent of a student is of the opinion that extenuating circumstances caused by an absence which has been judged to be UNEXCUSED, the case may be presented by the parent to a committee of school staff members. The members of the committee, and the frequency of meetings of the committee, shall be determined by the CHS Principal.

In an additional effort to improve instruction, the following regulation is also effective August 26, 1974:

Any student leaving home for school and not reporting; missing a class without permission of the instructor or the Principal; leaving campus without permission of the Principal shall receive:

- 1st offense - Punishment prescribed by the Principal
- 2nd offense - 3 days suspension (unexcused absences)
- 3rd offense - No scholastic credit for the quarter

A suspended student may not participate in any school activity during suspension. If there isn't sufficient days of present quarter to satisfy a suspension it will be carried into the next quarter.

We ask that parents sign this form and return it to school.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian) of (Name of Student)