

## **Marcy Open School Attendance Policy**

Marcy Open School is becoming increasingly concerned about students coming into the building to start their school day after the official start time. These students are considered officially tardy and, without a legitimate excuse, are breaking the law.

The Marcy Open School day begins at 8:40 a.m. Students are required by law to be in class from that time until the school day ends at 3:10 p.m. As tardy students come into their classrooms they disrupt the learning environment of the students who were seated as the school day began. **WE ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER THE EFFECT OF YOUR STUDENT'S TARDINESS ON THE EDUCATION OF HIS/HER CLASSMATES.**

Please note that there are few legitimate excuses for children coming to school late. Minneapolis Public Schools does not excuse over-sleeping, babysitting/caring for siblings, missing the bus, personal hygiene issues, car problems, etc. If you live outside of Marcy's busing area it is expected that students leave home early enough to arrive at school on time. District Policy states that students with excessive tardiness may be required to accept enrollment in a school within the home busing area.

### **POLICY:**

- If your student arrives after 10:00 a.m. he/she will be marked as a half day unexcused absence unless you provide a doctor/dentist/therapist note.
- If you student arrives after 12 Noon he/she will be marked as a full day unexcused absence unless you provide a doctor/dentist/therapist note.
- Students who arrive after 8:40 a.m. but before 10:00 a.m. will have their tardies added together until they reach 195 minutes, then they will be given a ½ day unexcused absence.

### **Just a reminder of the consequences involved with unexcused absences:**

- After 3 unexcused absences a principal letter will be sent and a referral will be made to Hennepin County's Be@School Program. Parents may be asked to attend a parent group meeting with Hennepin County.
- If the unexcused absences continue, parents will be referred to and must attend a meeting with the Hennepin County School Team Attendance Review (STAR) members.
- If the unexcused absences still continue, a court petition will be sent out. According to MN Statute, Educational Neglect reports will be filed on students.