

WHAT IS TARDINESS?

Anne Arundel County Public Schools defines tardiness as “the student not being in the classroom when the class period starts”.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING ON TIME TO SCHOOL?

- The student begins the day in a positive frame of mind so that he or she can make the most of learning.
- Allows the student to hear morning announcements so important information is not missed.
- Promotes good attendance.
- Creates an understanding that school is important and that education is valuable.
- Helps the student develop a sense of responsibility toward his or herself and toward others.
- Leads to greater self confidence.
- Sets positive patterns for the future.

IMPACT OF ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

- Student’s day is off to a negative start.
- Student misses important information presented at start of school day.
- Behavior is noticed by other students, which may illicit negative comments.
- May lead to a loss of self confidence.
- Disrupts classmates and teachers.
- Creates negative habits that will be difficult to break.
- May lead to poor attendance – if a student thinks it is acceptable to arrive late to school, he or she may think it is acceptable not to go at all.

ARRIVING ON TIME TO SCHOOL – SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

- Prepare items such as lunches, clothes, and backpacks the night before each school day.
- Make sure your child is not prevented from sleeping due to distractions such as television, computer, video games, and/or telephone use.
- Get yourself and your student up early in the morning so that you can leave the house in time to arrive to school before the bell rings.
- Purchase an alarm clock for your child so he/she can get in the habit of getting up at the same time each day.
- Make alternative arrangements with neighbors, friends, or family if there is difficulty getting your child to school.
- Students should complete homework the night before the school day, not at the breakfast table!