

River School Tardy Policy 2019-20

River School is committed to optimizing instructional minutes for its students and is equally dedicated to promoting responsible student behavior. Tardy behavior poses significant interruptions to classroom learning. The River Staff is committed to keeping tardies to a minimum to avoid such disruptions. To support this goal River School enforces a “tardy policy” that administers consequences for late student arrivals to class.

A “tardy” is defined as a late arrival to class and signified by the 8:40 commencement bell. Student expectations for timely arrival:

- ***Students are allowed on campus no earlier than 8:25 at which time supervision is provided.***
- ***An 8:37 bell will alert students and teachers to walk to their classrooms (kindergarten students are allowed into classrooms at 8:30).***
- ***Students are expected to arrive at their respective classrooms at 8:40 a.m.***
- ***Teachers close their doors after the 8:40 bell has rung and any late arriving students are instructed to go to the school office where tardy students receive “late slips” to enter classrooms.***

Consequences for late arrival:

- ***If a student accumulates three tardies in a trimester, the student and parent(s) will be notified that the fourth tardy will result in a 30 minute lunch detention to be served in the office (kinder students may serve a recess or lunch detention in homeroom).***
- ***With each tardy accumulated beyond three in a trimester, a 30 minute detention will be served at lunch.***
- ***If a student receives six tardies in a trimester, a conference with a parent may be requested and an alternative consequence may be considered to promote student and family responsibility for timely arrival (e.g. after-school detention, community/school service).***
- ***The trimesters conclude***
 - ***November 15***
 - ***February 28***
 - ***June 5***
- ***Tardies will not be recorded for consequences until after Back to School Night presentations.***

Tardies are not issued for students who arrive late to school for the purpose of legally defined and excused absences (e.g. medical appointments).