



May 23, 2018

Dear CHS Families:

We are writing to remind you that students who exceed the maximum number of allowable absences by the state of NJ (5 in a quarter course, 9 in a semester course, 18 in a full-year course) may be denied course credit in the class as per state law.

Please conduct our recommended weekly check-in with Powerschool to view your child's academic progress and attendance. If you need assistance with Powerschool, please contact Ms. Voorhees at rvoorhee@somds.k12.nj.us.

If the student has passed a course academically (with a grade of 60 or higher) but exceeded absences allowable after state excused absences are taken into account, and administrative review determines that the absences fall outside allowable exceptions (such as personal illness, unavoidable school day appointment, emergency family obligation, etc.), the student will need to complete credit recovery to remedy the loss of 'seat time' in the class and meet the state attendance obligation.

Seniors at risk for not graduating due to excessive absences are assigned and must complete credit recovery to be eligible for graduation. This process is currently underway. Should you or your senior have questions about graduation eligibility or credit recovery, please review attendance in Powerschool and if needed, be in touch with your child's school counselor. Credit recovery for those seniors risk of not graduating due to excessive absences are scheduled for after school and for Saturday morning participation in Credit Recovery hours.

Students in grades 9-11 at risk for loss of credit will be contacted after final grades are calculated and recommended for assignment to credit recovery hours during the summer to assure all credits are in order before transition to the next grade. Students unavailable to complete credit recovery during the summer will be assigned to it in fall 2018.

Credit recovery takes place after school and on Saturday mornings. Students report to Credit Recovery with work to do. Phones and device use are not allowed at Credit Recovery.

If your senior is assigned to Credit Recovery, please be sure to review the documentation they bring home with them to help answer any questions you have.

Thank you,

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