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Dear Parents,

At Claxton High School, we are constantly striving to improve! This new year will be no exception! As we bring in the new year and complete the second semester, we would like you to partner with us to address two areas that we feel will positively impact student achievement. Those areas are behavior and attendance.

A revised school-wide discipline plan was introduced and put in place this week. Please review these classroom expectations and consequences with your child so that he/she maximizes his/her learning experience every day.

Classroom Expectations

1. Arrive on time.
2. Be prepared for class.
3. Stay on task and remain in your assigned areas. Early finishers must read or work on other approved assignments.
4. Respect yourself, others, and school property. Keep hands, feet, and derogatory comments to yourself.
5. Raise your hand for permission to speak and/or to leave your seat.
6. Gum, candy, food, and drinks are not allowed unless pre-approved.
7. Electronic devices should be silenced and remain out of sight.

Consequences

1. Warning
2. Student-Teacher Conference
3. Lunch Detention
4. Parent Contact and After-School Detention
5. Office Referral

Regular and timely attendance are critical parts of a successful school year. To help students improve in these areas, the administration will monitor both attendance and tardies. Absences will be addressed using our automated call-out system, letters, parent conferences, after-school detention, and the Judicial Circuit Children in Need of Support (CHINS). Tardies will be tracked overall, not by period. Consequences will be issued once a total of four tardies have been earned in any combination of classes.

Consequences for Excessive Tardies

4-6 After-School Detention

7+ Office Referral

In an effort to promote better attendance, students will be offered the opportunity to exempt their final exams. To exempt an exam, students must end the year with an 80 or higher average, earn no more than three tardies, and have five or fewer absences. The starting date for this incentive and the monitoring of tardies is Monday, January 14.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to improve! We look forward to seeing the positive results of our changes. If you have questions, concerns, or additional ideas for making our school better, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Mizell
CHS Principal