

~Tooele High School~

Truancy Tickets

The time has come for us to align our attendance practices with the other two valley high schools in our District (Grantsville and Stansbury). The reason for this is because we have been seeing a gradual increase in the number of tardies and unexcused absences (sluffs) at *Tooele High School* this year. Thus, in response to this trend, we will be issuing "Truancy Tickets" starting in the second semester of this academic year (**effective Monday, January 14, 2019**).

Our admittedly high expectations for ALL students have never wavered at *Tooele High School*: **in class, on time, ready to learn, every day**, so that we can provide them with the BEST education possible. It is black and white; students are either in class and out of the hallways by the time the tardy bell rings, or they are not. If they are not--and if they do not have an admit slip from the attendance office or a hall pass--they will now run the risk of being issued a "Truancy Ticket" starting in January.

Truancy Tickets will be administered according to the following three-strike rule:

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| ✓ 1 st Ticket: | Warning and a Phone Call Home |
| ✓ 2 nd Ticket: | \$3.00 Fine |
| ✓ 3 rd Ticket (and every ticket thereafter): | \$5.00 Fine |

For those who cannot afford to pay, there are two alternative methods of makeup for Truancy Tickets, as follows:

- Attend one (1) lunch detention if assigned a \$3.00 fine, or two (2) lunch detentions if assigned a \$5.00 fine. Lunch detention is in **Room #101** with Mrs. Beaubien.
- Bring in a copy of your attendance record that shows zero tardies and zero unexcused absences for ALL classes over a one-week period (after you have received the truancy ticket) to **Room #101** and clear with Mrs. Beaubien.

If you complete either of these two options within three (3) weeks, your fine will be removed. If you do not, the fine will remain until such time as you have paid it. Please remember that it is your responsibility to pursue either of these alternatives; however, we are always happy to help if you have any questions or concerns.

Please understand that we have no desire to play "gotcha" with kids; nor are we looking to profiteer off anyone's poor attendance habits. Truth be told, it would be much easier for us to simply ignore the problem and hope for it to get better without doing anything different at all. But we can no longer let these truancy issues slide. Good attendance is tied to good grades and better academic performance all the way around, which is what we are constantly striving for at *Tooele High School*--to be the BEST!!

Thus, we are simply implementing these truancy tickets to serve as a deterrent, and to help our students stay motivated to attend ALL their classes, on time, every day. We just wanted to make you aware now that this will be starting 2nd-semester so that parents will have time to discuss this new protocol with their students.

Thank you for your interest in and continued support of *Tooele High School*!! As always, we appreciate everyone's support in helping our students achieve their potential and ultimately grow and mature into the best versions of themselves. We are grateful for the opportunity we have to work with you on behalf of your students each and every day. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns; I can be reached at the enclosed email address and telephone number during school hours at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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 <h3 style="text-align: center;">Tooele High School Truancy Ticket</h3> 	
Students Name:	Date and Time:
Students Grade:	Class Period:
Student ID #:	Student Signature:
Ticket #1 = Warning Ticket #2 = \$3 Fine Ticket #3+ = \$5 Fine	
<u>Admin Notes:</u>	