

Carter ES Parents,

Maximizing instructional time for our students is a top priority! In order to do this, we strive to engage our students in learning activities as soon as they enter their classrooms. Therefore, it is critical for all students to arrive to school **on time**. There are several advantages for students to arrive to school before 7:30am:

- Our school doors open at 7:00 AM. Students are able to wait in the gym or eat breakfast in our cafeteria.
- Students in the gym go into their classrooms to begin their day at 7:15am. In class, they work on a learning activity, check homework, and write in their agendas/planners in grades 4 and 5.
- Your child will have an opportunity to begin the school day without feeling rushed in the classroom

In order to stress the importance of getting to school on time, we will be enforcing our tardy policy. Our tardy policy is similar to several other LCISD schools in our area.

Students who do not ride the school bus to school and arrive after 7:30am will need to stop by the front office to obtain a tardy slip. We will track tardies in our electronic system. Our front office will also track early pick up of students as well.

Carter Tardy Policy

- 1st Tardy-Tardy notice sent home
- 2nd Tardy- Tardy notice sent home
- 3rd Tardy-Teacher contacts parent/written notice sent home
- 4th Tardy-Lunch or recess detention and a referral entered into Skyward/Administrator contacts parent
- 5th Tardy-Lunch or recess detention-Referral entered into Skyward and sent home
- 6th (plus) Tardy-After school detention/Family support specialist visits home OR contacts parent

- **To be considered for perfect attendance, a student may only have 1 tardy (per 9 weeks) and no absences.**

****The tardy count starts at zero each 9-week grading period****

Henva Medlow-Principal

Leann Imrie-Assistant Principal

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