



Great Path Academy
at Manchester Community College

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Great Path Academy Attendance Policy 2015-2016

Please note that the new Attendance Policy will impact a student's ability to earn course credit and be promoted if they have chronic absences from any course.

There are excused absences and excused late and they do not count against the students. They must be documented with a doctor's note or parent's note and it must be presented to the Main Office on a timely manner. **(Within 5 school days of absence)** We will no longer accept bulk excuses after 5 school days or at the end of the marking period. (Student Handbook will be provided at the beginning of the year with more details)

Students who are absent or late to any class without a written excuse will be marked with an unexcused absence (UNV) or unexcused late. Excessive absences and/or late will count against students' academic progress and they can lose partial and/or total course credit for a marking period, a semester or even the entire year.

Example:

A Single Marking Period where a student has accrued (6) six or more unexcused absences the student will lose credit for that marking period regardless of what their projected grade would be. (A projected grade of 90% or an "A" will automatically become a 50% or an "F").

For a Semester Course if the student accrues (11) eleven or more unexcused absences the student will lose credit for that entire semester course regardless of what their projected grade would be. (A projected grade of 90% or an "A" will automatically become a 50% or an "F").

If a student accrues (21) twenty-one or more unexcused absences for the year then the student will lose credit for the entire school year regardless of what their projected grade would be. (A projected grade of 90% or an "A" will automatically become a 50% or an "F").

Students will not receive a score lower than 50% for the first marking period, even if their class average is lower than a 50% or if they lose credit due to chronic absenteeism or chronic lateness. The 50% still gives the student a good opportunity to pass that course, but they will need to score a 70% or higher for future marking periods.