

# L H S ATTENDANCE POLICY

"EVERY DAY EVERY CLASS COUNTS"

## How To Help Your Teen ATTEND School Regularly.

- EXPECT** them to go to school every day.
- TALK** to your teenager about why it is important to go to school regularly and encourage them to give themselves a fair chance to achieve. Let them know they are more likely to do well if they go to school each day.
- FIND** out how the school attendance system works. What time do they have to be there? What happens if they are late? How and when will the school let you know if your teen is not attending classes, i.e. on the day your teen is not there?
- HELP** them get to school on time by waking them early enough and if they are not walking, making sure transport is reliable.
- GET** to know the class room teacher & the dean of students at the start of the school year - it will make it easier to talk to them if an issue arises.
- CHECK** often that your teen is in fact attending school and their classes.
- IF** you have any concerns about their attendance, talk to the school earlier rather than later - don't wait until the end of the term or year when it's too late and their non-attendance has started to have an impact on their learning.
- KEEP** family holidays outside of term time - it's more difficult to catch up if they have missed several days in a row.
- IF** your teen needs to be away, check with the school on how they can catch up on work missed or ask the teacher for work they can do while away.