

FARMINGTON 5-6 CAMPUS
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RESPECT OTHERS, ACT RESPONSIBLY
TARDY POLICY



Farmington has had concerns about the number of students who arrive late for school, many of them on a regular basis. Both Garden City Middle School and Garden City High School have strict policies for students who are tardy. We felt it was necessary to put procedures into place at the elementary level that will help students understand the importance of arriving on time each day.

The following procedures are in place at Farmington:

- School bell rings at **8:30 a.m.**
- Tardy bell rings at **8:35 a.m.**
- All doors at Farmington will be locked after the **8:30 a.m.** bell
- Any students arriving after **8:30 a.m.** **MUST** enter by the office

Please discuss with your child the importance of arriving at school on time. Students who arrive late to school often miss important announcements, directions and information for the school day. Students who arrive late also disrupt the class, which has already started. For some children, being just five minutes late can upset the whole day for the child.

Frequent tardiness and absenteeism have a serious impact on a child's learning and is disruptive to the classroom environment. For example, when students arrive late, they miss important instruction that cannot be duplicated. You may ask, "What does it matter if my child is late?" Perhaps your first thought is that being late isn't such a big deal at the elementary level. I ask that you consider the following and its impact on important instructional time for the students:

<u>Time Tardy Per Day</u>	<u>Hours Per Year</u>	<u>Total Days/Weeks</u>
5 Minutes =	15 hours	3 days = .6 week
15 Minutes =	45 hours	9 days = 1.8 week
30 Minutes =	90 hours	18 days = 9.6 week
1Hour =	122 hours	36 days = 7.2 week

Please do your part to make sure your child arrives on time each day for a successful school experience. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our tardy procedures at Farmington 5-6 campus.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Lori Hallett, Principal