

## **Attendance Policy**

We feel that for our swim and dive program to stay strong and competitive, steps must be taken towards commitment and development of our young athletes. For us to attain high levels of athletic achievement, a set of policies has been established to follow. The policies will help swimmers, divers, and coaches to progress and strive towards being the best swimming and diving program that we possibly can be. Parents, your support is crucial if we hope to attain our goal. If you have any questions or concerns we would appreciate your comments. Please note the following policies:

1. If the student/athlete is to miss a practice or meet, advance notice is required to alert the coaching staff of changes they might need to make in a practice or a meet. This includes if a student/athlete is ill and will be missing more than one practice. If the coaching staff does not hear from the individual on the day they miss, it is considered an unexcused absence, regardless of the excuse. A phone message, text, or email to anyone on the coaching staff on the day of the absence will suffice. Communication the day after an absence does not suffice.
2. If the student/athlete is to come to practice late or leave early, communication, as in item one, is required.
3. Students/athletes not participating in practice the day prior to a meet will not participate in that competition. Also students/athletes must attend a satisfactory number (determined by the coaching staff) of practices since the last competition to participate.
4. If the student/athlete is absent from school, they will need a written notice from one of their parents or guardians along with approval from the athletic director to attend that day's practice or meet.
5. If the student/athlete has missed a large number of practices or meets, a meeting with the coaching staff and athletic director will be held to determine the student's/athlete's future with the team.
6. Students/athletes will not be allowed to leave an athletic contest until it is complete; unless the reason is family related and the athletic director has given advance approval.
7. For all away meets, advanced written approval from the athletic director is required if the student/athlete is not returning on the bus with the rest of the team. This means that before the swim meet begins, the coaching staff must have notice from the athletic director, not from the parent or guardian providing the ride.