

1 Franklin We Have An Issue

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My daughter attends a Hampton high school. One day recently, 50 percent of her classes were without the regular teachers. Of that 50% without the regular teachers, one had a substitute while the other had no teacher at all. An adult did step in for attendance the last 20 minutes of class and exited again upon completing roll call. No substitute! No administrator (principal...assistant principal) or support staff – licensed individuals - bothered to fill-in for the absent teacher. Exactly what is the purpose of maintaining their teaching licenses?

I think this goes hand-in-hand with another problem with Hampton City Schools – such as, eleventh and twelfth graders have become the forgotten students. As non-members of the new Ford Next Generation Learning initiative...also known as the academies...these students seem to be insignificant. These students will have their learning or lack of learning ignored. If they have to be transferred from a class to accommodate an academy student...so be it. If their class has to go without a teacher...they should be thankful. Transportation helter-skelter...they can always walk. Stuck in classes they don't want or need...too bad. Hampton City Schools needs a success so all eggs have been placed in this **ACADEMIES** basket!