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3. Any absence from school for reasons other than those listed above will be designated as an unexcused absence.
4. Through a telephone call or an e-mail notice, the attendance office personnel will attempt to notify parents or guardians of an unexcused absence.
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6. A total of ten absences in a class for any combination of excused and unexcused reasons may also result in the student being dropped from the missed class or the student's assignment to after-school detention. Hospitalization or extended illnesses under a doctor's care will be considered as exceptions to the "ten absence rule." An appeal of this decision may be made to an associate principal.
7. A reinstatement policy exists for students who have been dropped from a class for unexcused absences. The student **must see an associate principal or attendance facilitator** for guidelines.

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