



# TIMNATH MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Attendance at TMHS!

Our goal at TMHS is to provide students with a quality educational foundation that will set them up to be successful after graduation. Regular and punctual attendance is essential for this to occur. Our students are expected to be on campus for all scheduled classes and to be on time to class. We will be closely monitoring student attendance (absences and tardiness) for the upcoming Spring semester, and will be reaching out to families regarding any student concerns around attendance.

Please see our school [Attendance Policy](#) and [Parent Brochure on attendance](#). You can reach our attendance secretary, Sally Patella, at 970-419-3424 with any questions.

## Attendance Policy

Regular daily attendance is vital for students to succeed at TMHS. The loss of real-time instruction with teacher and classmates cannot be replicated and may impair the absent student's academic progress. Therefore, parents/guardians and students should make every effort to prevent intentional absences from school. PSD's goal for student attendance set by the Colorado Department of Education is 95% or higher for daily student attendance. The responsibility of meeting this goal is shared between the student, the parent/guardian, and the school. TMHS is expected to meet or exceed this goal.

Students are expected to be in classrooms when they have a scheduled class. Systems have been implemented to keep students from loitering in the hallways, PAWS areas, etc. TMHS is an open campus for high school students. 9th-12th grade students may use the Commons or Media Center during scheduled off periods, or leave campus, but will be actively encouraged to be in scheduled classes or they will be escorted to a supervision location for attendance intervention.

### Policies and procedures for addressing absences are as follows:

- Any student arriving after the start of class will be marked tardy. Students arriving after the first 10 minutes of class will be marked extreme tardy. Students who miss half of the class period or more will be marked absent.
- Absences and tardies must be called into the attendance office within 5 school days to be excused by a parent or guardian. **Absences called in after 5 school days will remain unexcused**
- Students may not call in to excuse their own absences. Doing so will result in disciplinary consequences
- Arriving late or leaving early: parents need to call the attendance line to excuse the student
- Make-up work shall be provided for excused and school/activity absences. The student is responsible for picking up all makeup assignments on the day he or she returns to class. Students shall have at least one day to complete make-up work for each day of absence. The school provides students serving suspensions the opportunity to make up the work missed

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## Attendance Policy, continued...

### Excused Absences

The following are considered *excused* absences according to district policy:

- Absence due to illness or injury, or to attend a doctor's appointment
- Pre-arranged absences approved by administration for family activities, appointments, or circumstances that cannot be taken care of outside of school hours
- Absences to attend school-sponsored activities approved by administration. **Athletes must attend school at least half of the day in order to participate in practice or athletic competitions scheduled for that date. Exceptions such as family emergencies must be cleared through the Athletic Director's office**
- Absences to attend required legal proceedings
- A student who is excused by a parent/ guardian for observance of a religious holiday

Please note: Absences must be called into the attendance line. However, the school may require adequate verification for the above absence exceptions including written statements from physicians. The Administration has the authority to determine whether an absence is excused or unexcused.

### Unexcused Absences

Students with excessive unexcused absences may receive an office referral. Students and families will be asked to work with counselors, teachers, and the administration to help improve attendance and may be put on an attendance contract.

### Tardies

A student is considered tardy if they arrive to class after the last bell has rung. Parents can call to excuse tardies for illness, injury, court, or doctor appointments. Excessive tardies will be addressed by the teachers and administration. Families may be notified of an improvement plan.

Detention and/or in school suspension may be assigned to students who are habitually tardy. Detention must be served during the week the student is assigned and if time is not served, the student will be referred to an administrator for further disciplinary action.

### Restorative Practices and Attendance

Our goal is to positively impact our school-wide attendance and ultimately student success by creating a more immediate and meaningful response to unexcused absences. Generally speaking, we seek to solve the problems regarding attendance and behavior through restorative practices and work to understand the root cause of behavior.





## Attendance Policy, continued...

### REACH OUT FOR HELP!

While others can help you, ultimately it comes down to you making that choice. You can promote good attendance when you reach out for help if you are experiencing tough times with transportation, unstable housing, loss of a job, health problems; things that are making it difficult to get your child to school. Your child's teacher, counselor, school administrator, coach, school psychologist, school nurse, school staff, district administration, or other community agencies may help you problem solve or connect you to a helpful resource.

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## ATTENDANCE

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#### Excused Absences:

Temporary Illness or Injury  
Family Emergency and/or Death  
Religious Holiday/Activity  
Medical/Dentist Appointments  
College or Post-Secondary Visit  
Extremely Inclement Weather  
Absence approved by an Administrator

\*Excused absences per board policy, allow students to receive 1 day for make-up work for each day absent; excluding long-term assignments (Ref: Policy JH/JHB)

## PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

#### Help your teen stay engaged:

- Find out if your child feels engaged by their classes and feels safe at school. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.



#### Make School Attendance A Priority

Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day and being on time to class.

Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework, getting a good night's sleep, eating a healthy breakfast, unplugging, etc

Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.

Plan family vacations on non-school days.

Make it a habit to provide a Doctor's note for an absence, tardy, and early leave.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and become more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in the workforce.

#### IT'S THE LAW!

**School Attendance Act – Compulsory School Attendance (22-33-104, C.R.S.)** requires that each child between the ages of 6 and 17 shall attend public school unless otherwise excused.

*Absences can affect other students when teachers have to slow down learning to help absent students catch up.*

*When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their chances for graduation.*

*By 6<sup>th</sup> grade, chronic absences becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.*

#### CLEARING ABSENCES:

To clear an absence, please contact our Timnath MHS attendance secretary:

**Sally Patella**

**970-419-3424**

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## Counseling Center Updates

### Important Registration Information!

This month, counselors are excited to begin the registration process with students for the 2024-2025 school year. This is a great opportunity for students to explore their interests, seek out new challenges, spark new passions, and continue to develop their Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAP). Below is a calendar that maps out when your student is going to be receiving information on classes and the registration process. Students are also encouraged to attend the curriculum fair the evening of January 31st to learn more about course offerings before their final selections are due at the end of January or beginning of February.

For incoming 9th grade students and their families, we will be offering a live presentation on high school offerings during the curriculum fair for parents and/or any students that may not have been able to attend a presentation during the school day. Our curriculum guide is already available at [www.tinyurl.com/CubCounseling](http://www.tinyurl.com/CubCounseling) and we encourage you to begin reviewing course offerings with your student. Registration details may shift as we finalize the process - you can also access up to date information via the [counseling website](#).

As always, please reach out to your counselor with any questions.

#### Registration By Grade Level:

- Current 5th Grade
  - Week of 2/12: Elementary school visits & packet distribution
  - 2/22: Course selection via Google Forms deadline
- Current 6th & 7th Grade
  - Week of 1/15: ELO registration presentations
  - 2/9: Course selection via Google Forms deadline
- Current 8th Grade
  - Week of 1/22: Class registration presentations
  - Week of 2/5: Course selection collection: Students will meet with counselor to collect paper form and finalize selections
- Current 9th, 10th & 11th Grade
  - 1/18-1/23: Transcript review video, class presentations & course selection material distribution in ELO
  - Starting 2/1: Course selection collection: Students will meet with their counselor to collect forms and approve course selections made in Xello.

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## Schedule Change Dates

As we move into a new semester after the winter break, we want to ensure all students and families are aware of the last day to add and drop classes. Those dates are as follows:

- Last day to add a class is Friday January 12th
- Last day to drop a class without penalty is Friday January 19th
- Last day to drop a class with a "W" is Monday Feb 5
- If a student drops a class on or after Tuesday Feb 6 they will receive a "WF" on their transcript

Please reach out to your counselor with any questions regarding these dates or the add/drop process.

Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thurs	Friday
No school	1/9	1/10	1/11	1/12
No School	1/16 CSU Expo Day - 8th	1/17 7th Presentation ELO - Google meet	1/18 6th Presentation - English  11th Presentation - ELO	1/19
1/22 9th Presentation - ELO	1/23 10th Presentation - ELO	1/24 8th Presentation - Social Studies	1/25 8th Presentation - Social Studies  Preston 8th Presentation	1/26 Kinard 8th Presentation  Leshner 8th Presentation
1/29 Lunch Q&A	1/20 Lunch Q&A	1/31 Curriculum Fair	2/1 Collection - 11th	2/2 Collection - 10th
2/5 Collection - 9th Collection - Leshner	2/6 Collection - 8th	2/7 Collection - Preston	2/8 Collection - Kinard	2/9
2/12	2/13	2/14 9:30 5th Presentation - Bamford	2/15 9:30 5th Presentation - Bethke  1:00 5th Grade Presentation - Timnath	2/16

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## Junior Meetings

It is hard to believe, but our VERY FIRST graduating class is now just three semesters away from graduation!!! Following the conclusion of the registration process in February, counselors will be meeting with juniors to take the next steps in their post-secondary planning process. During these conversations, juniors will have an opportunity to share their current thoughts and wishes for after high school and counselors will provide information and support in their pursuit of these goals, including information on the college research and application process with important next steps to take over coming months, as well as information on college costs, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities. While exciting for some, we also recognize that this can be a stressful time for students and families. Please know that we are here to support you every step of the way in this process! Reach out with any questions you may have.

## Get Connected!

At Timnath, one of our core values is connection. As counselors, we want each and every student to have strong connections to adults and other students in our building, as well as to their interests. We also know that students that feel connected to their school are more likely to be successful academically and to have more positive social, emotional, and mental health outcomes. Please explore the growing list of clubs and activities at TMHS and help your student identify opportunities that would be a good fit for them! We are happy to help connect them here at school in any way that we can.

Visit [tmh.pedschools.org/activities/clubs-and-organizations](https://tmh.pedschools.org/activities/clubs-and-organizations) to learn more!

# Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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### Register for upcoming classes!

#### January, February, and Spring Break Sessions

*All classes held at Homewood Suites, 1521 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins*

##### Saturday Classes

- Saturdays: Jan 13 - Feb 10, 2024, 9:00am-3:30pm
- Saturdays: Feb 17 - Mar 23, 2024, 9:00am-3:30pm (no class Mar 16)

##### Sunday Classes

- Sundays: Jan 14 - Feb 11, 2024, 9:00am-3:30pm
- Sundays: Feb 14 - Mar 24, 2024, 9:00am-3:30pm (no class Mar 17)

##### Spring Break Classes - Complete in 5 days

- Monday - Friday: Mar 11 - Mar 15, 2024, 9:00am-3:30pm

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### High School Sports Schedules

<https://chsaa.rschooltoday.com/public/genie/1518/school/1363/>

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## Instructions on attaching your loyalty card to Timnath Athletics

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Timnath Athletics



## Blue & Gold Dinner

Dear Blue & Gold Dinner Attendees,

Thank you for your incredible support during our inaugural event. Watching our coaches, athletes, and community members come together in the spirit of Timnath Athletics was memorable.

The auction and mystery buys were impressive – we owe it all to the incredible generosity of our community. The Lip Sync Battle was the event highlight! We're looking forward to next year, hopeful for even more of our talented student-athletes to take the stage, maybe we can persuade our coaches to join in on the fun!

Together, we raised an impressive **\$9,235.00** for Timnath Athletics, just shy of our \$10,000 goal. Our focus now turns to key priorities like the championship wall, profit sharing for teams, and coach professional development.

Mark your calendars for our annual golf tournament event on Monday, June 24th, 2024 – stay tuned for more details.

Thank you, Timnath Community, you are the true MVPs of the night!

Sincerely,

Emily Dunn  
Timnath High School Athletic Director

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## Lounge Area Snacks and Drinks

Teachers and school staff are often overburdened with the demands of lesson planning and grading, leaving them with little time to unwind. A comfortable and relaxing space to decompress and recharge is often a much-needed respite. Unfortunately, it falls on them to finance the lounge area with snacks and drinks.

Next time you're out shopping, consider picking up some essentials to brighten their day.

Here are some ideas:

- K-CUPS
- SODA
  - Favorites (Diet Coke, Diet Dr Pepper, Coke Zero, Mountain Dew)
- Sparkling water
- Ice Tea
- Lemonade
- Granola Bars
- Gum
- Chocolate

## 2024 Yearbooks

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## Trip to Japan

The holidays are here and now is your chance to give your child one of the greatest gifts of all: the gift of travel. Join us in January to find out how to send your child to Japan in 2025, hosted by Mrs. James. Register for the information meeting to learn more about this exciting opportunity here: <https://bit.ly/3GI3W3p>



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