

LA COSTA CANYON HIGH SCHOOL

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TO: Students & Staff
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SUBJECT: Tardies vs. Class Cuts

I have heard some students say that the consequences regarding the new tardy policy are harsher than the consequences for just staying out of class for the whole period, in essence, a class cut. Well, let's take a look at both:

Consequences for Tardy	Consequences for Entire Class Cut
<p><u>What Most Students Focus On:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tardy 1-to-2 = Conference ▪ Tardy 3 = Parent contact ▪ Tardy 5 = Referral + Saturday School ▪ Tier 1, 10 Tardies = ARIES letter, parent contact, & Saturday School ▪ Tier 2, 15 Tardies = ARIES letter, parent conference, SART, + Contract ▪ Tier 3, 20 Tardies = Home suspension + loss of privileges (mandatory AIR to be reinstated to Tier 2 – one time only) 	<p><u>What Most Students Focus On:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Class Cut 1 = Saturday School ▪ Class Cut 2 = Saturday School ▪ Class Cut 3 = Saturday School ▪ Class Cut 4 = Saturday School ▪ Class Cut 9 = SARB letter 1 ▪ Class Cut 18 = SARB letter 2 + SART (Student Attendance Review Team) ▪ Class Cut 21 = SARB letter 3 + SARB (Student Attendance Review Board – hearing with San Diego County Office of Education) ▪ Class Cut 24 = Referral to District Attorney and/or Probation Department for violation of CA Ed. Code 48263
<p><u>Other:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Loss of valuable educational time in the classroom for the minutes a student was tardy. ▪ Practice of poor life-skill. 	<p><u>Other:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Loss of an entire period (115 minutes) of valuable educational time in the classroom. ▪ Practice of poor life-skill ▪ Teachers do not have to allow make ups for missed worked.

A few might say, *"I'll have my parents excuse the absence."* Well, if that's the case, we now have an even larger character issue. The issue of character is in fact why a new tardy policy was put in place at La Costa Canyon High School.