

# Consequences

## A STUDENT THAT IS TARDY

1. Misses important instructional/educational time with the teacher and the class.
2. May earn lower grades, or fail, due to missing the instructional/educational time with the teacher and the class.
3. May be requested to remain after school to make up the time missed.

**(State Statute 79-4173)**

4. May be referred to the Department of Student Services at the Lincoln Public Schools District Offices.

5. May be referred to Child Protective Services for parent neglect.

**(State Statute 79-201)**

6. May be referred to County Attorney's Office for parent neglect.

**(State Statute 79-201)**



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- Trained counselors 24/7/365
- Children's behavioral issues
- Parent/child conflict resolution
- Youth mental health referrals

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## A Guide for Students and Parents

 Lincoln Public Schools  
Department of Student Services

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## LPS Policy

The policy of the Lincoln Public Schools is that a student shall be considered tardy if they are not in their assigned classroom when the tardy bell rings unless excused by authorized permission. Some classroom teachers expect students to be in their assigned seats when the tardy bell rings. This is permissible under the Responsibilities of Students, Section I.



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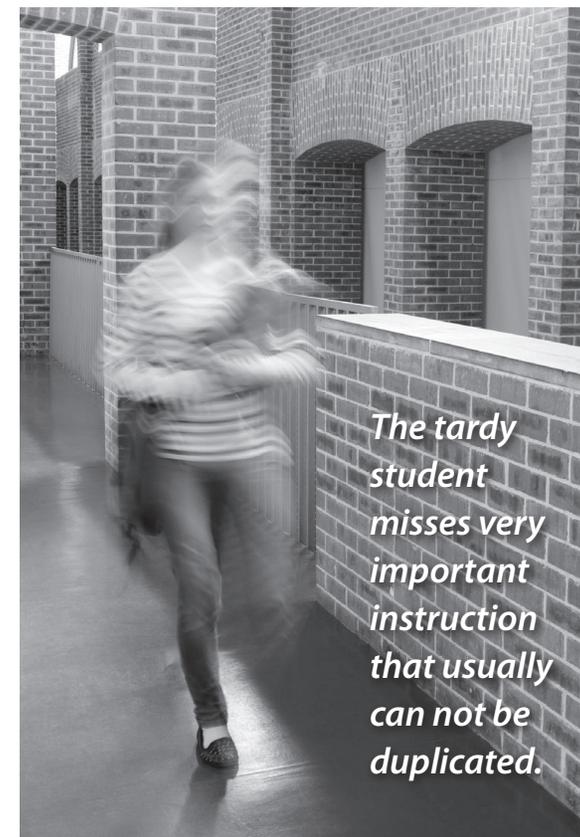
Tardiness affects not only your child's attendance record and ability to learn, but it also impacts the school environment and you. Being late to school can lead to legal problems for you and your child, and it also interrupts other students' learning.

### Your Child's Learning

When a child is late to school, they miss out on important instruction. Every minute that a child is in school is important to their learning. When they are tardy, they face the challenge of trying to settle in and catch up with what other students are doing. The child is behind and has to struggle to understand material the teacher has already explained. Being late is detrimental to their learning, especially if it occurs on a consistent basis.

### Preparation for Real Life

Being on time to school is preparation for the world outside of school. When parents focus on punctuality, students learn that not coming to a meeting or event on time is disrespectful of other people's time and that they miss out on important information. It's a priority of which many high school students are acutely aware. Job interviews do not wait for people who are late and tardiness does not help students get ready for the world after graduation.



*The tardy student misses very important instruction that usually can not be duplicated.*

## Ways to Prevent Tardiness

Have your child set out their clothes for the next day the night before. The child's backpack should contain all their books, supplies and homework they will need for the next day. Get all of the supplies and equipment needed for after school practices and activities ready. Have your child make their lunch if they bring it, and ensure they are in bed at a reasonable hour. Set the alarm 10 or 15 minutes earlier than absolutely necessary to ensure your child has enough time to get to school before the tardy bell rings.