

Community Life
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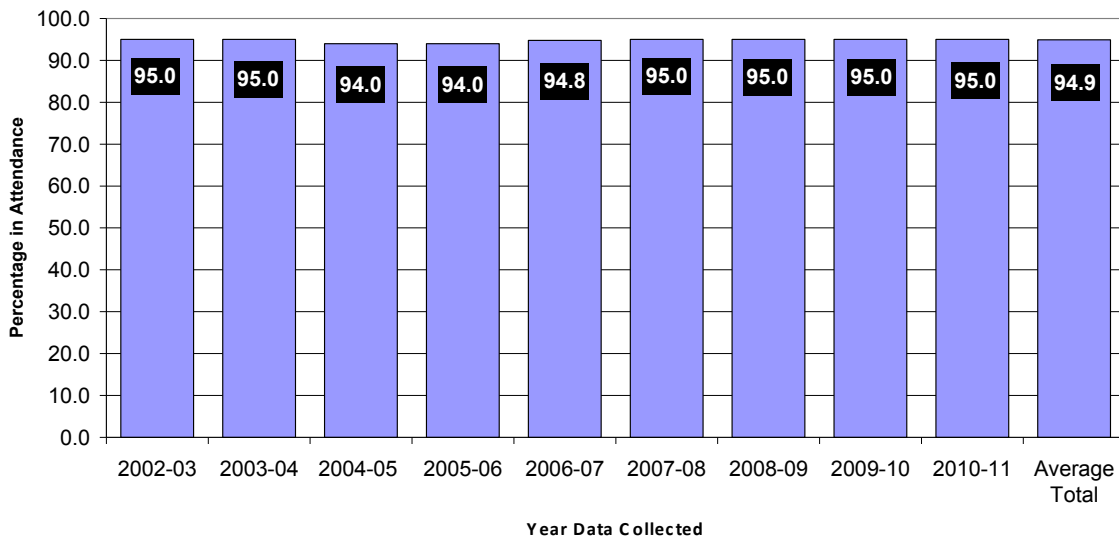
Principal's Corner:

Welcome to December and all the excitement surrounding the Holiday Season! The staff at Hartland High School wishes you and your family well as you travel and enjoy the time spent with your families.

Attendance Reminder:

I would like to remind you that attendance is an important variable in the education of your children. While the teachers and supporting staff can ensure that Hartland High School offers a warm and safe learning environment rich in educational opportunity, your child's regular attendance and engagement in learning is needed to gain the benefits. I would like to note that 95% of our students regularly attend school every day. Roughly 5% experience attendance issues that can become statistics in regard to their performance in the classroom, see the chart below:

Hartland High School
Average Daily Attendance (ADA)
"By Percentage of Students in School 2nd Hour"



Parents, please remember that by calling the attendance line at 810-626-2205 or sending an absence note into the office within 48 hours you help our staff to better understand your child's situation. It is also important that absences be noted by a parent because unexcused absences can result in the loss of credit for missing assignments. Please help your son/daughter keep track of their attendance marks by using Parent or Student Connect or by monitoring the phone calls we make each day noting that an absence has

occurred. If you have any questions about our attendance process, please contact me at 810-626-2210.

Preparation for ACT

Many of you have heard about or read about how Michigan students are doing in regard to “college readiness.” What this means is that when students take the ACT the score they earn is linked to a score established by colleges as one that predicts success in college courses. For example, if a student earns a 22 on the math portion of the ACT then it is predicted that they will earn a passing grade when they take math courses in college. For the purpose of reported “college readiness” scores the State of Michigan has published the percent of students who have earned high enough marks in all the categories of the ACT (math, science, English, and reading) to be considered college ready. What this does not account for is a student that may score well on math but not on English. The student would be considered to be college ready in math but not English and therefore not calculated in Hartland High School’s “college readiness” score. Below you will see the breakdown of how well students must score on each tested areas of the ACT to be considered ready to be successful in college:

Math = 22
English = 18
Reading = 21
Science = 24

If a student earned these exact scores they would earn a 21 Composite score on the ACT, however, a 21 Composite score on the ACT does not necessarily mean that the student is “college ready.”

TELEPARENT up and Running:

Parents, you may remember a recent phone call and e-mail message reminding you about report cards coming home and Parent/Teacher Conferences. You should also be receiving absence calls through this system. During the year the high school will utilize this tool to help inform you about events and important information. We may also use this system to send out emergency information, if necessary. The system will be used sparingly to ensure that you are not inundated with calls from the high school. If a call is made to your home, please listen to it and mark your calendars or act on the information.