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Dear Parents,

It is very important for every student to be present, on time and ready to learn each day for all classes of instruction. Being ready to learn means that every student has to dress appropriately for school (if unsure see the parent handbook) and exhibit appropriate classroom behavior. In order to assure that every student is ready to perform schoolwork, maximize instruction during first period, and decrease lateness, the school is implementing a Behavior Improvement Intervention. We hope that this will encourage good behavior, which in turn creates a positive learning environment for all students at the High School for Energy and Technology. But equally important is delivering a clear message to our students that punctuality is critical beyond our walls.

The doors of the school open for students at 7:30 a.m. Period one starts at 8:24 a.m. If the student arrives late to school, his/her parent and/or guardian will receive a phone call regarding his/her child lateness. When a student arrives late to school two or more times per week, he/she will serve detention the following week. The fourth time the student is late to school two or more times in a week, the Parent Coordinator will contact the parent or guardian to schedule a meeting to discuss the student's lateness and overall academic progress with the child's guidance counselor.

Parents will be notified when their children will face detention. Detention will be held Monday through Thursday from 2:40 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in our auditorium. Should a student fail to attend the assigned detention, they will be automatically entered for a Principal's detention on a Friday from 2:40 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Failure to attend this Principal's detention will result in a parent conference and two-day detention. If your child has a medical appointment or any other obligation, parents must inform the school and reschedule the detention. It will not be possible for a student to reschedule it themselves. If your child is absent on the day of scheduled detention, it will be rearranged to the next detention session automatically.

We understand that after-school detentions can sometimes be an inconvenience to parents, however, they are an integral part of the behavior system, and as such, we urge parents to encourage their children to adhere to the rules and expectations of punctuality to school, so that ultimately, they are not impacted by our new Behavior Improvement Intervention. Students will also be assigned detention if they violate the NYCDOE Citywide Behavioral Expectations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Should you require any further information regarding the use of afterschool detentions as a sanction, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Marie Guillaume
Principal