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## **New Absenteeism Policy**

PIONEERS is dedicated to providing our students with the best educational opportunities possible. As a co-op, tutors, parents/families, and students work together to make sure that each student's educational goals are met. In order to meet these education goals, it has always been the policy of PIONEERS that students make every effort to attend their weekly PIONEERS classes. With that said, we understand that there will be times throughout the year, due to illness or other reasons, that a student may not be able to attend a class or classes.

In the past when a student has been absent on a PIONEERS Wednesday, their homework has been gathered together by a staff person and either picked up by the family or mailed home. As you can imagine, mailing a large envelope of homework to absent students has become increasingly expensive over the years and several families have mentioned that they have either not received their envelope in the mail or have not received the envelope in a timely manner. In an attempt to cut down on overhead costs and make homework more readily available to our absent students, we will no longer be mailing homework home on a regular basis.

Thanks to new technology available on our secure website, [www.pioneerstss.com](http://www.pioneerstss.com), teachers will now be able to post assignments directly on the website making it possible for students to access their assignments for any missed classes much more easily and quickly than before. In order to access this information, you will simply need to log in to the website and click the Classes link located at the top of the page. From here, you will be able to see any classes that your student is taking as well as posted assignments for each class. Tutors will have until the Thursday following PIONEERS to post assignments, so if you do not see an assignment posted, simply check back later or contact the class tutor directly for the missed assignment. In some cases, the tutor may not post assignments as the assignment is clearly detailed in the syllabus and/or the tutor has already communicated the information to the family/student.

We understand that there may be families who would still like paper copies of their student's homework. If this is the case with your family, you will be asked to make arrangements directly with class tutors for you to pick this homework up before the end of the PIONEERS day. In rare circumstances, homework may be mailed; however,

PIONEERS will now be charging a \$2.00 postage and handling fee each time homework is mailed. If you would like homework mailed, please contact Becky Jermeay at 517-888-4959 by 9:30 am on the Wednesday that your student will be absent to discuss whether or not mailing homework would be appropriate for your particular circumstance.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we attempt to cut overhead costs and utilize all of the technology that is currently available to us.

In His Grace,

Becky Jermeay  
PIONEERS Secretary