

FAQs for Parents/Guardians about Attendance at MNOHS

Definition of attendance at MNOHS: Students must be making continual and regular progress toward passing a course to be counted as attending. Simply logging into Blackboard is not enough; a student must be submitting assignments. In general, if a student has their weekly folders done on time and is passing their classes with at least 60%, they are in good standing with attendance.

Read our FAQs about attendance below or watch our informational video here:

https://safeshare.tv/x/_yCwqX_8FWI

How do I keep track of my student's progress? All parents/guardians have an observer account which allows you to see when your student last accessed courses, the assignments they have submitted and their current grades. If you need a reminder of your username and password email password@mnohs.org. Access Blackboard at mnohs.blackboard.com. Check out our helpful video here: <https://safeshare.tv/x/ss5d662e2c91797>

Does my student have to be "logged in" at a certain time of the day to be counted as attending? No, unless a course requires a class meeting at a specific time (see below). We do not take attendance by how long and when a student is logged in to a class. Attendance is based on progress in courses. In basic terms, if your student is turning in their work on time and passing their assignments, they will be counted as attending.

What is a class meeting? Some teachers have weekly class meetings, in which students come to class online via our Collaborate webinar software. These are held at a specific day and time. While there are options to make up missed meetings, students are highly encouraged to attend. If a course requires a class meeting, this information is posted in the Blackboard course.

How often does my student need to be online to be successful at MNOHS? We recommend that students spend 5-8 well focused hours per class each week to be successful. This is similar to the time commitment in a bricks and mortar school. Individual students may need more or less time. The focus is on work completed, rather than time spent online.

How exactly do teachers take attendance? Teachers take attendance between Friday and Monday of each week. If a student has completed few or no assignments during the past 7 calendar days, they are marked as inactive, or absent. Teachers also identify students who are active, but not on track to pass; these students are still considered attending. Parents / guardians and students will receive email notification of these concerns along with some resources to help students get back on track.

When are assignments due? MNOHS organizes assignments in weekly folders. Students are given 5 school days plus a weekend to complete each folder. Our [pace chart](#) shows when weekly folders are due.