

US Nevada Area Uniform Tardy Policy

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Students share the responsibility for their own gospel learning. As part of this responsibility, they are expected to attend seminary on time, participate in devotionals, and prepare themselves spiritually for the lessons. Teachers should be prepared to start class on time with a brief devotional, and then teach a meaningful lesson. Being a responsible class member includes being prompt and dependable, and giving a full measure for credit received. Seminary credit may be withheld, however, for **flagrant tardiness (See CES Policy Manual)**.

Flagrant is defined as enormous, deliberate, obvious, or unashamed. Flagrant tardiness in seminary is as follows;

- A student is considered tardy if they enter the classroom after the established start time. If class begins at 6:00 am, a student is considered tardy at 6:01 am.
- A student entering class late is considered tardy until half of the class period has elapsed. If a student enters the classroom after half of the class time has elapsed, the student is considered absent for that day, not tardy.
- When a student has been tardy 20% of the time, seminary credit is in jeopardy, and if tardiness continues, it is considered flagrant. Make-up work will then be required for that student to earn credit.
- One day of make-up work will be required for every 3 tardies beyond the 20%.

In seminary, attendance rolls are turned in at the end of each month. As there are between 20-22 days of seminary per month the following chart will illustrate how this tardy policy will work on a monthly basis:

# of Tardy's	0-5	8	11	14	17	20	23
Make-up days needed	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

As some seminaries may use the term for grading, the following chart will illustrate how the policy would apply to a term. (There are 40-45 days in a term):

# of Tardy's	0-9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45
Make-up days needed	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Parents should be aware of serious tardiness problems before credit is withheld. Therefore, parents should be notified when a student's tardiness reaches the 20% mark so they know if tardiness continues, credit will be withheld. **In each case, sensitivity to the student's attitude, continued enrollment and success in seminary should be the foremost concern.**