

Copying Assignment For: Multiple Tardies to Study Hall

Due: Turn in to Mr. Stapleton or his Main Office Box by _____

Consequence if this is not completed on time: _____

Directions: Copy every word below, by hand.

Study hall isn't like other classes. Late students don't need to be "caught up." Therefore, compared to academic classes, it is really not as much of a problem when students are tardy. But that still does not mean tardies to study hall are okay.

One obvious reason that being tardy is not okay is that it undermines the goal of study hall. For all study hall students, there is *some reason* why that student has been assigned to a study hall. For most students, the reason for study hall is that someone thinks the student in question needs extra time to read and to keep up with schoolwork. Clearly, a student can't get these things done in study hall if he or she is not there. Therefore, being tardy is a problem, since it conflicts with the goal of study hall.

Another reason that being tardy is not okay is that it creates a disturbance during reading time. The first ten minutes of study hall are spent in silent reading. The noise and motion of a late arrival disturbs the serenity of reading time.

One more reason that being tardy is not okay is that it creates extra work for the teacher. No teacher wants to deal with having to assign consequences for tardies. Students who show up late are making the teacher's job more difficult.

It is not difficult to get to class on time; anyone who really cares about getting to class on time can almost always do it. In those rare situations when being tardy is unavoidable for some legitimate reason, the tardy will be excused. This means that being tardy is a choice, and students who choose to continually be tardy will be given a consequence. Because being tardy is a problem, even if it's a minor problem.