

# On Track Criteria and Information

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## Q. What does it mean to be “On Track”?

A. “On Track” determinations are made on a quarterly basis after quarterly report card grades have been posted for students. In order for students to be considered “On Track” they must meet all of the following four (4) criteria for the given quarter:

1. No discipline referrals,
2. Two or less full day absences,
3. “C: or better in all classes, OR
4. A cumulative 2.5 GPA
5. No grade below a “D”

This criteria is set by Pasco County schools and is part of the Early Warning System (EWS) as part of Florida State Statute 1001.42.

## Q. What are the benefits of being “On Track”?

A. Being “On Track” means that your child is meeting all the criteria for being on track for high school graduation. An “On Track” status is also an incentive to keep students engaged and continuously striving to do their best. Students who meet the “On Track” criteria are given “On Track Cards”. These card holding students are able to participate in activities such as Field Day, roller skating trips, movie times, etc. which are closed to students who do not have an “On Track Card”.

## Q. What is I did not receive my “On Track Card” when they were distributed?

A. The initial “On Track” determinations are done through our computerized “Early Warning System” database. The criteria for course performance, discipline, and attendance are the basis for the computer identifying a student as “on track.” If your student did not receive an On Track Card, it means that they did not meet one or more of these criteria.

## Q. The only reason I might not be “On Track” is because I’ve been absent more than two days in the quarter, but the absences have all been excused. Why am I not included in the “On Track” list?

A. For purposes of determining “On Track” criteria, excused or unexcused absences are calculated cumulatively. Any student with more than the allotted two (2) absences for the quarter are not considered eligible for an “On Track Card”. Parents may choose to appeal by following the appeal procedure below.

## Q. What I can do to be reconsidered for an “On Track Card”?

A. Parents/Guardians can appeal a student’s “On Track” status with administration. **This can be done by completing the form under the parent section of our school website, explaining why they believe the student should be granted an “On Track Card”.** Keep in mind, appeals must be submitted in a timely manner in order for administration to process the appeal in time to allow student participation in On Track Events. **All appeals must be submitted within 1 week from the time that “On Track Cards” are distributed to students.**

## Q. Who should I talk to about being On Track or Off Track?

A. Your School Counselor, Mrs. Schell or Mrs. Doerrfeld, our GEP/SSAP Teacher, Mrs. Addington, or any administrator can answer your questions about “On Track Cards”.