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### Winning the War without Fighting the Battle

Students struggle to arrive in class on time, but if teachers implement the following steps, students attain success at a greater rate and avoid tardies altogether. First, count tardies each and every day from the beginning of school. Students need consistency and to know the boundary. Most importantly, to drive home the message clearly and concisely, follow the school policy, warning on the first tardy and detention after school on the second. Students accept lunch detention more readily than after school detention, so when other students see a friend receive detention after school, vicarious learning occurs. Finally if a teacher assigns detention after school, call mom or dad at home and drive the final nail in the coffin; also, calling home improves the probability students attend detention. When teachers follow this process, students will toe the line at a greater rate of success, so the number of tardies a teacher addresses greatly reduces.

