

## Staff Editorial

# You're late!

### Tardies take away from valuable class time

**W**hen students are tardy, teachers usually ask what made them late. There are many ways people answer and they're all issues that could be fixed with a little work.

Fulmore is a large school with lots of people and obstacles. During the passing period, the hallways turn into a jungle. Kids run, people stop and stand in the one path that is visible and giant crowds form in the doorways.

Hallway congestion could be one of the biggest causes of tardiness. Classrooms in the school aren't always close to each other so students have

to rush from one class to the next. Getting from a Spanish class in a portable to the gym may seem like an easy task to complete in four minutes, until you add people. School causes enough tension—the rush only adds more.

The length of the passing period might have something to do with the tardy count. Students don't want to use their hall passes but if they use the restroom during the passing period they hardly have time to get to class. To avoid being late people end up using their hall passes, which takes away time from class.

One problem is that teachers don't always let students out on time. The passing period is only four minutes and some teachers take that away as punishment or the way they dismiss takes too long. Students need the entire four minutes to get to class and be prepared when the next class begins.

Tardiness is never a good thing. If the causes of it are identified then the problem can begin to be solved. When everybody is in class on time and ready to learn, classes are more efficient and everybody has a better learning experience.