

# Gilroy Unified Truancy Information and Support



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# IT'S THE LAW

Everyone between the ages of 6 and 18 years **SHALL** attend school *full time*.

- California Education Code 48200.

# Truancy

- 3 unexcused absences (cuts)
- Or 3, tardies of 30 min. or more  
= **TRUANT**

# Habitual Truancy

- 6 unexcused abs  
/cuts/tardies
- “Habit of missing school”
- = SARB or DA Mediation

# What happens?

- Infraction (no jury, no attorney)
- Court
- You Choose:
  - Fine (\$71 +) OR
  - Community Service (40 hrs)
- AND
- LOSE license (1 year)

# Effects of Truancy

Truancy leads to lower academic achievement.

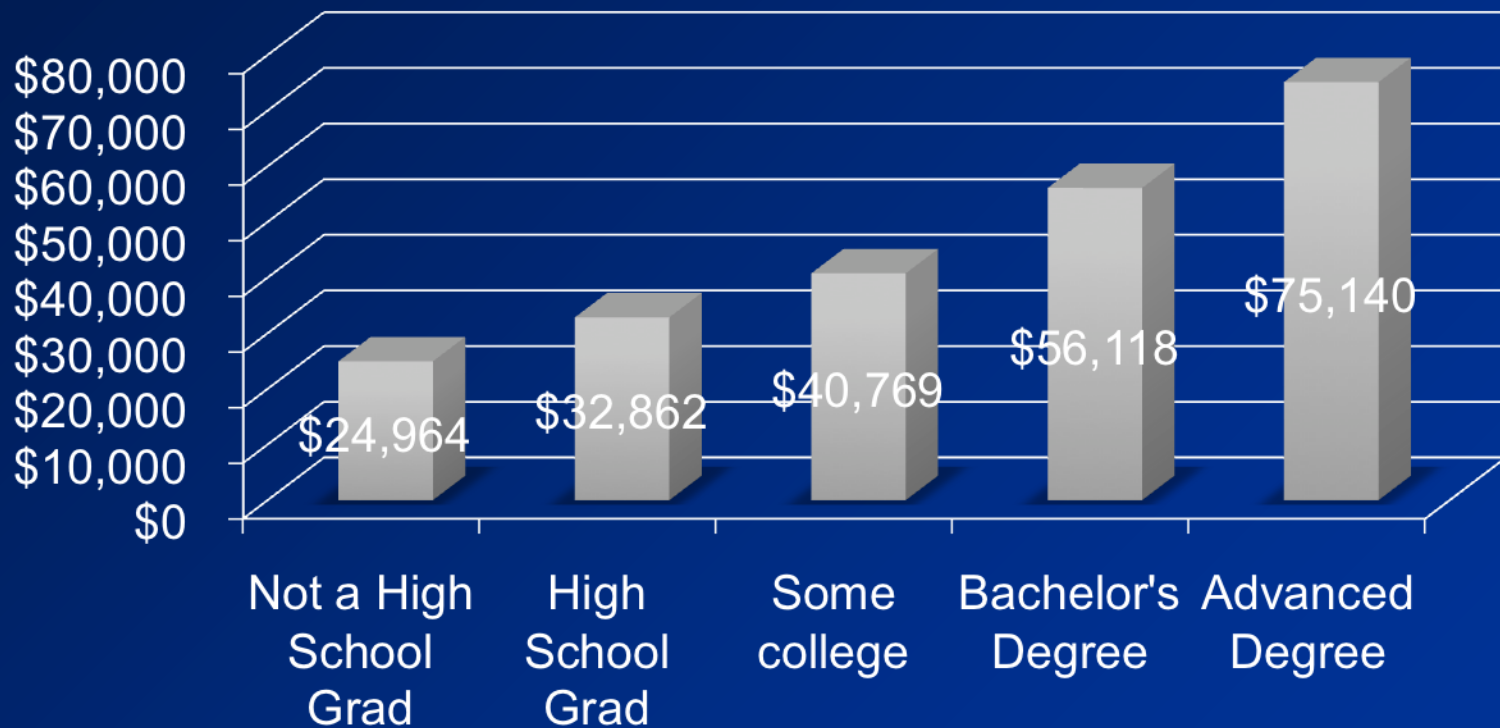
Lower academic achievement increases the likelihood of students dropping out of high school.

Lower education levels lead to lower economic earning.

Lower education levels leads to lower life expectancy.

# EARNINGS vs. EDUCATION

Median Income for Year-Round Full Time Workers





# Resources to Support

- Your school!
- School Link Services
- School Community Resource Officer
- School Probation



# Clean Slate

Beyond today, if there are no more unexcused absences we will not file your case to the District Attorney.