

Personnel**District Truancy Officers-Truancy Department**

The Board shall establish the Truancy Department (which shall fall under the Student Support and Alternative Learning Department) which shall be staffed with such person or persons as the Board may from time to time designate as District Truancy Officers. This department shall qualify as a “law enforcement unit” as defined under the provisions of the Family Educational and Right to Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C § 1232g, and is created for the purpose of enforcement of the laws promoting compulsory school attendance, monitoring student attendance, communicating with the parent/guardian of a truant student, facilitating truancy intervention services, and communicating with the Regional Office of Education or local law enforcement. The Superintendent shall recommend to the Board individuals to be appointed and designated by the Board as District Truancy Officers and such individuals shall undertake and perform all the duties of a Truancy Officer as set forth in Article 26 of the School Code, including, without limitation, the provisions of Section 26-5 thereof.

In addition to such duties prescribed by statute, and such other duties as may be approved by the Board in any applicable job description or developed by the Superintendent in regulations created for the operation of the department, District Truancy Officers shall create and maintain truancy records evidencing investigation into the attendance of students in this school district referred to them as being truants who have not responded to school intervention efforts; parent notification of the intent of compulsory attendance laws; additional intervention efforts made to secure student attendance; and referral to proper officials for further intervention as authorized by law. Such records so created shall be maintained as law enforcement records and kept separate and apart from the student’s school records. Truancy records shall be kept confidential as required by law.

A District Truancy Officer shall make such reports to the Regional Office of Education as may be required by statute as to “truants,” “chronic or habitual truants,” and “truant minors” as defined by statute.

The Superintendent shall create regulations for the operation of the Truancy Department.

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