

Hot Topics for Parents & Students

Student Attendance

Regular school attendance is very important to students' academic and behavioral success. Missing too much school has long-term negative effects on students, including lower achievement & graduation rates. In order to encourage and support a preventative approach to school truancy, the Ohio State Legislature passed House Bill 410. As a result of this Bill the following changes to truancy laws are now effective in Ohio.

Students are "**habitual truant**" if they are:

- Absent 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse;
- Absent 42 or more hours in one school month without a legitimate excuse;
- Absent 72 or more hours in one school year without a legitimate excuse.

Students are "**excessively absent**" when they are:

- Absent 38 or more hours in one school month with or without a legitimate excuse;
- Absent 64 or more hours in one school year with or without a legitimate excuse.

When a student is "**habitually truant**," the district will:

- Set up an Absence Intervention Team (including parents)
- Schedule an Absence Intervention Team meeting
- Develop an Absence Intervention Plan

If a habitually truant student does not make satisfactory progress on the Absence Intervention Plan, the district will file a complaint with the Juvenile Court.

- When a student is "**excessively absent**," the district will:
- Notify the student's parents in writing
- Follow the district's plan for Absence Intervention
- Refer the family to community resources.