

**Cumberland County Board of Education
810 North Main Street, Burkesville, KY 42717
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Dear Parents and Students:

This letter is to inform you of the compulsory attendance laws (KRS 159.010 to 159.170) in the state of Kentucky. Students are considered "habitual truants" once they have accumulated 6 unexcused events. The law does not distinguish between an absence and a tardy. This means that a student will be defined as a habitual truant once they have accumulated 6 unexcused tardies, 6 unexcused absences, or ANY combination of absences/tardies equaling the number of 6.

If a student becomes a habitual truant, it may result in court proceedings against the parents of students under 18 years of age and against students 18 and older. This law is in effect for all students of the Cumberland County School District.

Our district asks that, as a matter of safety, you call school any time that your child is to be absent from school. Remember that notes are still needed to excuse the absence. All schools will call and/or leave messages when we have not heard from a parent regarding a student's absence.

The Cumberland County School System is required to enforce the compulsory attendance law. Our main purpose is to ensure that your child receives the best education possible in order to prepare him/her for the adult world and a productive life.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jason Dodson
Director of Pupil Personnel**