



BISD Student Attendance and Truancy Information

When Your Student is Absent

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Call your child's school **on the day of the absence** to notify the attendance clerk the reason for the absence **or.....**

You can also **submit an absence note** through **ParentSquare.**



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A **written note**, stating the student's name and grade, along with the reason for the absence, **should be given to the office on the day the student returns to school**

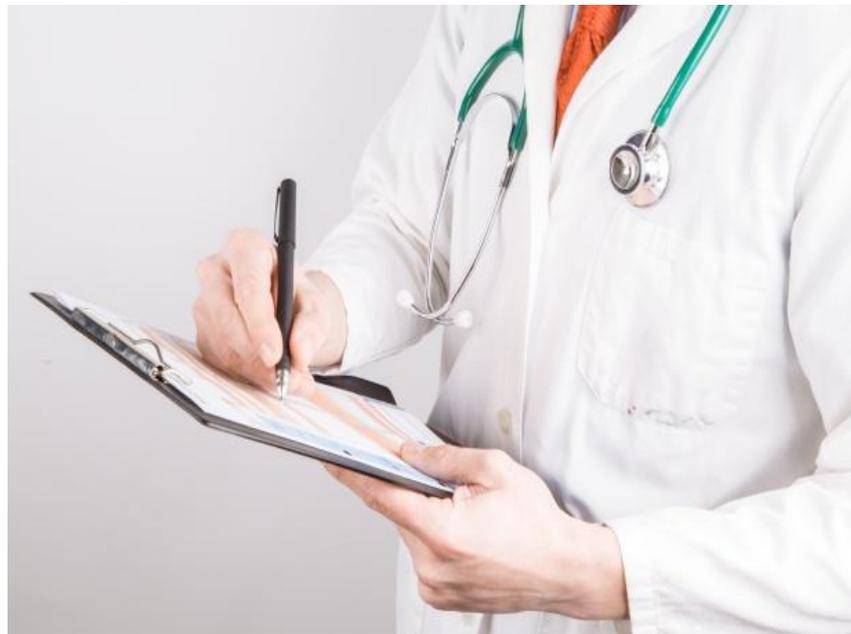
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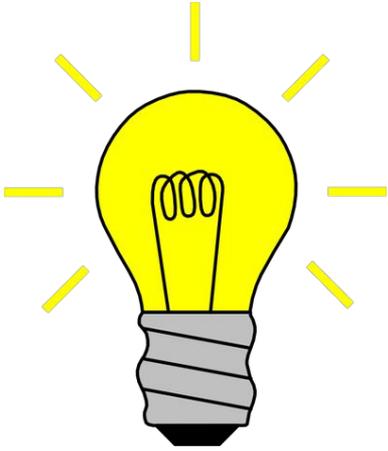
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Student Absent for 5 or More Consecutive Days?

A student who is absent for **5 or more consecutive days** will need a **note** from his or her **physician** and this needs to be given to the attendance clerk upon the student's return to school.





**Regular school attendance
isn't just a good idea.....**

It is the LAW!



Texas Compulsory Attendance Law

Under the [Texas Education Code 25.085](#), the state requires children to attend school each day that instruction is provided.



What Is Truant Conduct?

Family Code Section 65.003

A child engages in **truant conduct** if the child is required to attend school under TEC 25.085 and fails to attend on ***10 or more days or parts of days within a 6-month period in the same school year.***

What Does Texas State Law Say About UNEXCUSED Absences?

Texas Education Code 25.095

If a student has unexcused absences on three days or parts of days within a four-week period, the district must send a warning notice to inform the parent that the student is subject to truancy prevention measures (TPMs).

It is the parent's responsibility to monitor his or her child's attendance and to require the student to attend school.

UNEXCUSED Absences

In general, the following absences are **UNEXCUSED**:

- Oversleeping
- *Missed the bus*
- Vacation
- *Car trouble*
- Personal or family business
- 5 or more consecutive absences without a doctor's note
- Skipping
- Appointment for a sibling or parent
- *No parent/guardian note within 2 school days of an absence*

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TRUANCY PREVENTION

MEASURES



BISD Truancy Prevention Measures

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DAYS UNEXCUSED

- **A 3-day Truancy Warning Letter is mailed.**
- **Parent phone conference**

5 **DAYS UNEXCUSED** *(over a 5-month period)*

- **BISD Truancy Course Assigned to parent and students 12 and older**
- **Referral to counselor**
- **5-Day Truancy Letter Mailed**

BISD Truancy Prevention Measures



7 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES *(over a 5-month period)*

- **Attendance Improvement Plan Meeting with parent, AP, and student**
 - * *Attendance Contract and plan implemented*
- **Truancy Prevention Measures Assigned:**
 - * *School-based community service*
 - * *After-school detention/enrichment*
 - * *Saturday School*

BISD Truancy Prevention Measures

9 **DAYS UNEXCUSED** *(over a 6-month period)*

- **Conference with principal**
- **Last unexcused absence before truancy court referral is possible**



BISD Truancy Prevention Measures

10 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES *(over a 6-month period)*

A referral to truancy court for 10 unexcused absences over a 6-month period can happen. Attendance is reviewed and further consequences can be issued.

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1 *last thing...*

90% Rule

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What is the 90% Rule?

Students must be in class **90%** of the time a class is offered to receive credit for the class. *The 90% rule applies to ALL absences.*

For more information, please see
Texas Education Code 25.092



Questions?

Talk to a school administrator.

We'll see YOU at school.

GO PANTHERS!