

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



DID YOU KNOW?

The new Indiana State attendance law, I.C. 20-33-2-26 was passed in March 2024, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

Habitual Truant means a student who has been absent ten (10) days or more from school within a school year that are classified as UNEXCUSED.

If a student, in **grades K-6**, misses 5 days within a 10-week period, a mandatory parent conference will be scheduled.

Designated school personnel are required to report a child who is a habitual truant to the prosecuting attorney and Department of Child Services (DCS).

WHAT WE CAN DO:



Always report all absences to your student's school with a reason. Reported absences due to illness, appointments, funerals, and other situations as defined under Board Policy 5200 are EXCUSED and will not be counted towards Habitual Truancy.



Make school a priority. Stay engaged, help your children maintain daily routines, and try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.



We are here to help. Counselors and Social Workers can help provide necessary resources and support. We also inform you of your child's attendance status with notification letters when they reach 5, 9, and 10 days of unexcused absences.

