

ATTENDANCE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

TRUANCY FACT SHEET



COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

Students who are at least six years of age - or who have been previously enrolled in first grade - and who have not yet reached their 19th birthday, shall attend school for the entire period the program is offered, unless exempted. Upon enrollment in prekindergarten or kindergarten, a student shall attend school. **Education Code 25.085**

TRUANCY PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

- Tier I - Beginning of the Year Notice/General Attendance Agreement Pledge (GAAP)
- Tier II - 3 unexcused Absences within a 4-week period - campus Truancy Prevention Measures applied
- Tier III - 5 unexcused absences within a 6-month window - central Truancy Prevention Measures applied
- Tier IV - 7 unexcused absences within a 6-month window - conference with campus administrator
- Legal Intervention - 10 unexcused absences within a 6-month window - possible court case filled with Dallas County

WARNING NOTICE DISTRIBUTION

- Tier I - provided upon enrollment - prevention measure
- Tier II - uploaded in the Parent Resource Center (PRC) - prevention measure
- Tier III - uploaded in the Parent Resource Center (PRC) - intervention measure
- Tier IV - mailed from central office to parents/guardians - intervention measure

DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Districtwide Truancy Prevention Measure (TPM) training
- Campus coaching and compliance visits
- Collaboration with partners to help promote and improve attendance
- Attendance improvement presentations
- Resources on creating a culture of attendance
- Develop and maintain partnerships with outside agencies to improve attendance
- Online education classes for students and parents on the importance of attendance - Parent Attendance Success Initiative (PASI)/Wake Up Your Mind (WUYM)
- Represent Dallas ISD at all truancy hearings/Serve as the district attendance officer

DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES

- **Strive For No More Than Five** - engages and challenges students and parents to commit to limiting absences to no more than 5 days for the school year.
- **September Attendance Awareness Month** - A time for individuals and organizations to learn about attendance issues, absenteeism and the effects attendance can have on academic performance and success.
- **Wake Up Your Mind (WUYM)** - Online student attendance intervention course for 9th - 12 grade students with 5 or more unexcused absences. The course strives to identify barriers preventing students from attending school regularly, offer support, provide information and strategies to improve student attendance as well as avoid truancy court proceedings.
- **Parent Attendance Success Initiative (PASI)** - An online truancy intervention course created to assist parents and guardians of elementary and middle school students with identifying barriers that may prevent students from attending school regularly.

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