

TRUANCY

VS

CHRONIC ABSENCE

Any unexcused absence for 30 minutes or more is considered a truancy. Missing part of the school day (late or leaving early) without a valid excuse counts toward truancy.

Once a student accumulates 3 or more truan- cies, **the school district is required by law** to send the family truancy notifications.

Chronic Absenteeism is when a student misses 10% or more school days, which equals 2 days per month or 18 or more days in a school year.

Chronic absentee totals include all absences, even the excused ones!



Counts **ONLY** Unexcused absences

Relies on legal and administrative solutions

Focuses on legal compliance and school rule compliance



Counts **ALL** Absences excused, unexcused, suspensions

Uses MTSS and school based strategies or solutions

Focuses on academic impacts of missed days