



Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Attendance Guidelines to Address Chronic and Habitual Absences

CHRONICALLY ABSENT (ALL Absences):

Chronic absenteeism remains an urgent issue statewide and nationally. To more effectively address this problem, state law will focus on chronic absenteeism to support early intervention for students at risk.

Ohio law defines “chronically absent” as missing at least ten percent of the minimum number of hours required in the school year under section 3313.48 of the Revised Code for the school a student attends.

- **K-6:** 10% (91) total absence hours, excused and unexcused combined
- **7-12:** 10% (100) total absence hours, excused and unexcused combined

If your student reaches the ten percent threshold, the district will implement intervention strategies to address the attendance issue. The intervention will involve a Multi-Tiered approach with a District Absence Intervention Team (AIT), the student and parent/guardian.

_____ I have read and understand – please initial

HABITUALLY TRUANT (Unexcused Absences):

A student becomes Habitually Truant when any student is absent without legitimate excuse for:

- 30 or more consecutive hours
- 42 hours in a month
- 72 hours in a year

The district will attempt to resolve the truancy issue by working with the student and family. Failure to resolve the issue will result in a complaint being filed in Montgomery County Juvenile Court against the student and or parent/guardian.

POTENTIAL SANCTIONS:

Attendance matters. Consistently attending school matters. Working together, schools and families can encourage and support students to attend school each day by focusing on prevention and early intervention. However, if a student become habitually truant, and the issue isn’t resolved, then the following sanction or sanctions will be implemented.

- Losing privileges to participate or attend extracurricular activities, athletics, after school events, field trips etc.
- Loss of work privileges when appropriate
- Any other sanction deemed appropriate by the district
- Truancy Complaint filed in Montgomery County Juvenile Court against the student and or parent/guardian

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PARENT/GUARDIANS: Per Board Policy, Attendance 5200 and State Law 3313.663 (B)

The District is authorized to establish an educational program for parents of truant students which is designed to encourage parents to ensure that their children attend school regularly. As per state law, any parent who does not complete the program is to be reported to law enforcement authorities for parental education neglect, a fourth-class misdemeanor if found guilty.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____