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Cyber Charter Enrollment-Habitually Truant

Prohibition for Transfer to Cyber Charter Schools

The Public School Code of 1949, 24 P.S. 13-1333.was amended on November 12, 2025, to include new procedures for students who are truant. Specifically, the legislation states:

"A child who is habitually truant may not transfer, during the school year to a cyber charter school unless a judge determines that the transfer is in the best interest of the child"

The Pennsylvania Department of Education specifies that a student is considered habitually truant if they have 6 or more unexcused absences. Therefore, if your child has received 6 or more unexcused absences during the school year, they will not be permitted to enroll in a Cyber Charter School.

When a Cyber Charter School contacts the Central Dauphin School District regarding enrolling a district student in their program, district staff review the student's attendance record to determine if the child has 6 or more unexcused absences (habitually truant) during the current school year. If the student is habitually truant, student records will not be sent to the Cyber Charter School and the enrollment process will not proceed in alignment with the Public School Code legislation.

The district is committed to ensuring that all students attend school regularly and receive the full benefit of a public school education. The school team will work with parents and guardians to identify resources available to improve attendance when habitual truancy occurs.

Notice of Right to Request Educational Best Interest Hearing

A person in parental relation to the habitually truant student, or a habitually truant student over 15 years of age or older, may file a request to determine if the transfer to a Cyber Charter is in the educational best interest of the student. The request must be filed at the Magisterial District Court based on the location of the school where the student is currently enrolled.

The request must be filed by completing the applicable form located at PaCourts.us/forms/for-the-public. If you need additional information regarding the appropriate Magisterial District Court to file a request with, please reach out to Student Services at 717-545-4703.