

School Attendance

House Bill 410

Why Your Child's Attendance Matters

- Regular attendance is a legal requirement at all grade levels
- Studies have shown that regular attendance correlates to success in school
- Regular attendance means academic learning is not interrupted, less time is spent on make-up assignments, and students benefit from class participating in class and interacting with others.

Excessive Absences

State of Ohio defines excessive absence as:

- 38 or more hours of school missed in a month
- 65 or more hours of school missed in a year
- Hours can be excused or unexcused



Once hourly limit is met:

- Letter sent home to parents/guardians
- All additional absences will require a medical excuse
- If medical excuse is not provided, hours accumulate toward the student being habitually truant



Excused Absences Include:

- Personal illness with doctor's note
- Quarantine of home
- Death of family
- Absence due to incapacity of a guardian
- Religious holiday
- School field trips
- Superintendent approval

Habitually Truant

State of Ohio defines habitually truant as:

- 30 unexcused consecutive hours
- 42 or more unexcused hours of school missed in a month
- 72 or more unexcused hours of school missed in a school year



Once hourly limit is exceeded:

- Letter sent home to parents/guardians
- Absence Intervention Plan will be implemented



Absence Intervention Team and Plan

State of Ohio required Absence Intervention Plan:

- Team creates and implements Absence Intervention Plan to improve/increase student attendance

If school attendance does not improve/increase

- District Truancy officer notifies County Juvenile Court and truancy charges are filed



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