

## Truancy and Truancy Prevention Measures

STEP 1: If a student fails to attend school without excuse on three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period, the school will initiate truancy prevention measures.



STEP 2: The school will send a warning letter to parent/guardian stating

- Truancy prevention measures will be imposed;
- Requesting a conference with parent/guardian;
- The possibility of referring the case against the parent to court;
- The possibility of referring the case against the student (if ages 12-18) to truancy court

if the unexcused absences continue and total ten or more days or parts of days within a 6-month period.



STEP 3: TRUANCY PREVENTION MEASURES include one or more of the following:

- Attendance behavior plan,
- School-based community service, and/or
- Referral to counseling, mediation, mentoring, a teen court program, community-based services, or other in-school or out-of-school services aimed at addressing truancy.



STEP 4: If the truancy prevention measures do not work, and the student fails to attend school on ten or more days or parts of days within a six-month period, the school may refer the case against the parent to court and the case against the student (if ages 12-18) to truancy court.



Potential court fines for parents:  
\$100 for the first offense  
\$200 for the second offense  
\$300 for the third offense  
\$400 for the fourth offense  
\$500 for the fifth or subsequent offense

Potential consequences for students:  
Court/jury issues judgment and order appropriate remedies such as –

- Attend school with no unexcused absences,
- Attend a non-profit community-based special program,
- Complete community service,
- Participate in tutoring,
- Pay court costs,
- Etc.