

Truancy

If a student is absent without a parent/guardian excuse or if the student leaves school or a class without permission of the teacher or administrator in charge, the student shall be considered truant. A "habitual truant" shall be defined as a student of compulsory attendance age who has four unexcused absences from school or from class in any one month or 10 unexcused absences during any school year. Absences due to suspension or expulsion shall not be counted in the total of unexcused absences.

When a student is declared habitually truant, the principal shall require a meeting between the student's parent/guardian and appropriate school personnel to review and evaluate the reasons for the student being habitually truant.

A plan shall be developed for a student who is declared habitually truant with the goal of assisting the child to remain in school. When feasible, the child's parent, guardian or legal custodian shall participate with district personnel during the development of the plan. Appropriate school personnel shall make all reasonable efforts to meet with the parent, guardian or legal custodian to review and evaluate the reasons for the child's truancy.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-33-104 (Compulsory school attendance)
C.R.S. 22-33-105 (Suspension, expulsion, and denial of admission)
C.R.S. 22-33-107 (Enforcement of compulsory school attendance)

CROSS REFS.: IHBG, Home Schooling
JEA, Compulsory Attendance Ages
JH, Student Absences and Excuses

Note: The law requires the local board of education to designate an attendance officer for the district to enforce the provisions of the compulsory attendance law, counsel students and parents, investigate the causes of nonattendance and report his findings to the board.

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