

J-12 TRUANCY

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Truancy is defined as absence from school during any part of the school day without the consent of a parent or guardian and/or knowledge of the proper school officials. Class work so missed may not be made up and the student's grade will suffer accordingly.

A student is truant if he or she:

- leaves school without signing out in the proper office,
- leaves school at lunch without a pass,
- is absent from school without prior permission from a parent or guardian,
 - is absent from class without permission (skipping),
- obtains a pass to go to a certain place and does not report there,
- becomes ill and goes home or stays in the restroom instead of reporting to the nurse's office,
- comes to school but does not attend classes.

Truancy from school or from a class may result in disciplinary action.

HABITUAL TRUANCY

- A. A "Habitual Truant" is defined as a student who has ten (10) or more days of unexcused absences or being absent without a parental request filed with the school in one school year.
- B. All students who are at least thirteen (13) years of age but less than the age of fifteen (15) years, and who are determined to be a habitual truant per the definition above, are subject to Indiana Code 20-33-2-11, which provides that any person who is determined to be a habitual truant as defined by school board policy cannot be issued an operator's license or learner's permit until the age of 18 years, or until the student's attendance record has improved as determined by the principal upon review of the student's record of at least once per school year.
- C. Procedures developed for the administration of this policy, shall include provisions for periodic review of all students determined to be habitual truants, and their reclassification when warranted. These procedures will be developed by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
- D. The student's principal is required to report to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the student's status as a habitual truant.
- E. The student upon initial designation of being a habitual truant is entitled to the same statutory procedures as a student who is being expelled.

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