

Truancy

If a student is absent without a signed or verbal parental 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 during any school year. Absences due to suspension or expulsion shall not be counted in the total of unexcused absences.

In order to reduce the incidents of truancy, parents of all students shall be notified in writing at the beginning of each school year of their obligation to insure that all children of compulsory attendance age attend school. Parents shall be required to acknowledge in writing awareness of their obligations and to furnish the charter school with a telephone number or other means of contacting them during the school day.

The charter school shall establish a system of monitoring individual unexcused absences. When a student fails to report on a regularly scheduled school day and charter school personnel have received no indication that the parent is aware of the absence, school personnel or volunteers under the direction of charter school personnel shall make a reasonable effort to notify the parent by telephone.

A plan shall be developed for a student who is at risk of being declared habitually truant with the goal of assisting the child to remain in school. When practicable, the child’s parent, guardian or legal custodian shall participate with charter school personnel during the development of the plan. Appropriate charter 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.

Penalties

Three trancies shall be grounds for out of school suspension. Additional trancies shall be grounds for suspension and/or expulsion.

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