

TRUANCY/PARENT SUPPORTED ABSENCE

Unnecessary absence, due either to a student's willful decision or a parent's inability or unwillingness to ensure attendance, is a violation of law and district policy. Students truant from school may be denied credit and the opportunity for makeup work and will be subject to disciplinary measures. Parents who support or enable a chronic pattern of unnecessary absence may be subject to agency or court action.

Cutting classes and/or leaving school grounds without permission is considered by this district to be truant behavior and subject to disciplinary measures as relate to truancy from school.

Students age 16 and above who demonstrate persistent patterns of truancy may be referred by the building principal to the school committee for possible expulsion.

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Legal References: MGL 76:1; 76:2; 76:20; 119:51A; 119:39E

Related Policies: JE Student Attendance
 JH Student Attendance, Absences and Excuses
 JH-R Procedures for Attendance, Absences, and Excuses
 JKE Expulsion of Students

Other Refs: Student Handbooks