

## TRUANCY - UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Regular attendance by the students at school is essential for students to obtain the maximum opportunities from the education program. Parents and students alike are encouraged to ensure an absence from school is a necessary absence. Students will attend school unless excused by the principal of their attendance center.

Truancy is the failure to attend school for the minimum number of days established in the school calendar by the board. Truancy is the act of being absent without a reasonable excuse. These absences are those not listed as excused absences in policy 501.9. Truancy will not be tolerated by the board.

Students are subject to disciplinary action for truancy including suspension and loss of credit for courses due to excessive absenteeism. It is within the discretion of the principal to determine, in light of the circumstances, whether a student may make up work missed because of truancy. Students receiving special education services may be assigned to supervised study hall or in-school suspension.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy. The administrative regulations will indicate the disciplinary action to be taken for truancy.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 294.4; 299 (2013).  
281 I.A.C. 12.3(4).

Cross Reference: 206.3 Secretary  
410.3 Truancy Officer  
501 Student Attendance  
503 Student Discipline  
504 Student Activities  
506 Student Records