

TRUANCY

A student who is illegally absent from school, while officially registered, is truant. All students are expected to attend school daily. Students under the age of seventeen are required to attend school by New York State Law. Students over the age of seventeen, but not graduated, are presumed to be enrolled for the purpose of completing their high school education. Any student reaching the age of 17 during an academic year must complete that academic year.

A course of study builds upon itself each day; a day of school lost cannot be retrieved. To assure continuous progress toward the goal of graduation, regular attendance is necessary.

Students, who are illegally truant, are subject to the following disciplinary action:

First Offense: One (1) day detention; parent notified.

Second Offense: Two (2) Days detention; parent/principal conference required before re-entry to class.

Third Offense: Five (5) days detention and/or any other action deemed appropriate by the building principal, possible referral to the Superintendent or Family Court if under the age of sixteen.

Legal Reference: Matters of Ackert, 30 Educ. Dept. Rep 31, 1990