



Truancy Law

During the recently completed legislative session, the 84th Texas Legislature approved – and Governor Greg Abbott signed into law – legislation that makes changes to current law as it relates to truancy and on-campus student discipline.

House Bill 2398

- The offense of a parent contributing to nonattendance remains a Class C misdemeanor
- On the third unexcused absence within a four-week period, a school must initiate a truancy prevention program for the student.
- A child commits truancy if the student is 12-18 years of age and is required to attend school under Texas Education Code (TEC) Section 25.085; and fails to attend school on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year.

Absences Counted DO NOT Include:

- Field Trips
- CPS Visits
- UIL Trips
- Election Clerk
- Holy Days
- School Related Absences
- Medical Absences (must be documented by valid medical note)

Please be sure to call your Campus to make them aware of all absences.