
HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR MISSING SCHOOL!

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

A parent or guardian may seek an excused absence from school for his/her child. A school has the right to accept or deny an application for an excused absence.

VALID EXCUSES FOR MISSING SCHOOL:

- Sickness—you may be required to prove documentation from your doctor.
- Medical treatment, including mental health
- Religious holidays

INVALID EXCUSES FOR MISSING SCHOOL:

- Staying home to babysit
- Work
- Being tired
- Travel/vacation
- Needed at home
- Cold weather
- Missed bus
- Being a language interpreter

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GRADUATION

IT'S MORE THAN JUST A GOOD IDEA!!!

HIGHER INCOME POTENTIAL

Education is important to everyone! A high school graduate will earn nearly \$1 million more than a drop out in his or her lifetime. High school graduates, on average have more opportunities.

Average Incomes:

High School Drop Out \$493/week
High School Diploma \$678/week
Some College/Vocational Training \$793+/week

Unemployment Rates:

High School Drop Out 8%
High School Diploma 5.4%
Some College/Vocational Training 2.8%

More Facts:

HS drop outs are 63 time more likely to be incarcerated
73% of state prison inmates are HS dropouts
59% of federal prison inmates are dropouts
HS drop outs experience poverty at a rate of 31%

In other words, a high school diploma pays out for a life time and is linked to better health of the students, families, and the community in which we all live.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



SCOTT COUNTY

Supporting Student Educational Success

Scott County Truancy Diversion

A collaboration between:

- ⇒ Scott County Schools
- ⇒ County Attorney's Office
- ⇒ Community Corrections
- ⇒ Human Services

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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952-496-8740

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KNOW THE LAW!!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED

A child between the ages of 7 and 17 years of age must attend school. At the age of 17, a youth cannot drop out of school without the permission of their parents. Written forms must be completed at a school meeting.

TRUANCY CONSEQUENCES FOR JUVENILES

- Court adjudication as a “child in need of protection or services”
- Mandatory meetings with probation or social services
- Must appear in front of a judge at the scheduled hearing times—parents often have to miss work
- Community Service/STS
- Guardian ad Litem can be appointed costing parents \$1000
- Child Protection Involvement
- Specific School Settings/Residential Settings
- SFT/Intensive Family Therapy
- Court orders for Parents
- Orders to reside in a family member of non-custodial parents home during the school week.
- Suspension of driving privileges

SCOTT COUNTY DIVERSION SERVICES

Once you are referred for diversion you will have an initial meeting with your diversion worker. It is at that meeting that you will complete your diversion agreement as well as consent to participate in the diversion program. Part of your diversion agreement will include participation in the Truancy Group with the Scott County Mental Health Center. The group will take place once per week for 6 weeks and participation is mandatory by both the youth as well as a parent.



During this time your attendance will be monitored by your diversion worker. If your attendance continues to be a struggle or if you choose to not participate in the Truancy Group then you will have to meet with the Truancy Board where your next steps will be decided and can include court action. Additional services can be requested as part of your diversion agreement including a diagnostic assessment, chemical health assessment, and recommendations that may come from those assessments. Diversion services are voluntary, however understand that if you choose the court route over diversion services these same services will be court ordered rather than a voluntary participation and you will have a court record.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Talk to adults who can help you with the reasons that you are not going to school

It is your responsibility to get to school daily and be on time.

Talk to someone at school if you are having struggles

Know all school policies

Complete homework daily

Know & follow school policies and rules

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Talk and listen to your child - address the reasons for missing school

Tell your child that school is important

Help with homework questions

Have a set bedtime and morning routine

Communicate with the school and know the attendance police. Don't cover for your student's unexcused absences

Give your child an alarm clock

Get your child services if problems interfere with school attendance

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

Provide a program/schedule that meets the student's educational needs

Address problems identified as barriers to the student's ability to attend and learn

Maintain accurate attendance records and document communication with parents/guardians and student about attendance.