

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES AND TRUANCY

Unexcused absences and truancy are violations of state law. Thus, disciplinary measures must be taken to enforce the law. These include such actions as referral to attendance officer and/or suspension.

Frequently, unexcused absences and truancy are symptoms of more serious problems with which a student has to contend. Counseling services and referral to outside agencies for assistance should be used as appropriate.

When a student is 16 years of age or older, the required notice and hearing steps detailed in School Committee policy and in M.G.L. 76:18 must be followed.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L., 76:18