

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION CONSEQUENCES OF TRUANCY ON A STUDENT'S OPEN ENROLLMENT STATUS

Per New Berlin School Board Policy 5200 and Wisconsin State Statute 118.16, truancy means any absence of part or all of one or more days from school during which the school attendance officer, principal or teacher has not been notified of the legal cause of such absence by the parent or guardian of the absent pupil, and also means intermittent attendance carried on for the purpose of defeating the intent of Wis. Stats. 118.15. Students that have been truant five (5) part or whole days in a semester are considered habitually truant. Truancy can also be considered intermittent attendance carried on for the purpose of defeating the intent of Wis. Stats. 118.15.

Truancy shall be defined as an unexcused absence during which the student misses one-half or more of any school day. Parents have the opportunity to excuse the absence if notice is given before the end of the 2nd school day after receiving a report of an unexcused absence.

Per New Berlin School Board Policy 5114, IX, B and Wis. Stats. 118.51(11), a student's open enrollment status may be terminated due to habitual truancy. Nonresident students attending school in the District under open enrollment who are habitually truant pursuant to Policy 5114 may be prohibited from attending school in the District in the succeeding semester or school year. If a parent believes his or her child was erroneously marked as truant, he or she may contact the building principal to review the absence.

Notification of Student Absence/Truancy

1. First Truant Absence - The parent will be notified by mail or telephone call of the truancy. Discipline may be given to the child for his/her truancy.
2. Second Truant Absence - The parent will be notified by mail or telephone call of the truancy. Discipline will be given to the child for his/her truancy.
3. Third Truant Absence - Discipline will be given. The parent will be notified by mail and telephone call of the truancy. A letter will be sent to the parents establishing a time for a conference to be held with the parents, child and school to consider the following:
 - a. Resolution of the truancy problem.
 - b. Possible opportunities for educational counseling to determine whether curriculum modifications may resolve the truancy.
 - c. Evaluating the child to determine whether learning problems may be a cause of the child's truancy.
 - d. Evaluating the child to determine whether social/emotional problems may be a cause of the child's truancy.
4. Fourth Truant Absence - The parent will be notified by mail and telephone call of the truancy. The administrator may collaborate with the student resource officer regarding further disciplinary action.
5. Habitual Truancy - When a student has been identified as a "Habitual Truant", appropriate school personnel must meet or attempt to meet with parents to discuss the child's truancy. Written notification of the habitual truancy will be mailed home by certified or registered mail and will include the contents required by law.
 - a. When a student reaches five (5) truant school days, the principal/designee may refer same student to the Waukesha County Juvenile Court. A school day is considered 6 or more periods of absence on a single day or accrued days.