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What is Truancy?

Being absent from school without a valid excuse for three (3) or more days, or being tardy for three (3) or more days, is considered truancy.

Kentucky School Law requires every parent and guardian of a child 6 to 21 years old to send that child to school. Five year olds are considered under compulsory education after enrollment in Kindergarten.

Kentucky School Law 159.150 states: Any child who has been absent from school without a valid excuse for three (3) or more days, or tardy for three (3) or more days, is a truant. Any child who has been reported as a truant two (2) or more times is a habitual truant.

Kentucky School Law 159.180 states: Every parent/guardian of a child residing in any school district in this state is legally responsible for any violation of KRS 159.010-159.179 by the child.

Kentucky School Law 159.990 states: Any parent/guardian who intentionally fails to comply with the requirements of KRS 159.010 to 159.170 shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100) for the first offense, and two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the second offense. Each subsequent offense shall be classified as a Class B misdemeanor. This determination is at the discretion of the judicial system.

Kentucky Revised Statute 530.070: Unlawful transaction with a minor punishable by a maximum of twelve months in jail and/or \$500 fine.

My child missed school so now what do I do?

Turn in excuses and communicate with your school's attendance clerk.

Reminders:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Excuses must be turned in within 5 days of the absence.● Schools will send home 3 and 6 day letters on unexcused absences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 3 parent notes are permitted per semester (First Semester- First day of school to Christmas Break. Second Semester- January to last day of school)● If a student is absent, a parent note or doctor note needs to be used, if possible.
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When a student has reached six (6) unexcused absences they will be referred to the Director of Pupil Personnel. After six (6) or more unexcused absences, the Director of Pupil Personnel will refer the student to Family Court for truancy violations.

Go to link below to view Carter County Schools Attendance Policy

www.cartercountyschools.org/parentsstudents

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