

A MESSAGE FROM THE PROSECUTOR

The law requires your child to attend school on a regular basis. If your child does not attend school regularly, there can be consequences for both your child and you. You and your child may be charged with a crime.

Perhaps more importantly, if your child does not attend school regularly, he or she will be robbed of the wonderful opportunities a full education can provide. Studies show that children who do not receive a full education are often unable to find meaningful employment and are more likely to abuse alcohol and drugs and to commit crimes.

I ask that you make sure your child attends school regularly. Everyone benefits when you help to secure your child's education.

**Information on Truancy Prevention
is available at:**

www.ojdp.gov



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**Additional resources are available
on our website:**

www.co.warren.oh.us/prosecutor

**Or you can reach us by phone:
(513) 695-1325**



KEEP YOUR CHILD IN SCHOOL

**A Guide to Truancy
Prevention**



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THE LAW

All children over the age of 6 and under the age of 18 must attend school regularly.



Habitual Truancy

- 5 or more consecutive unexcused absences
- 7 or more unexcused absences in a month
- 12 or more unexcused absences in a year

Chronic Truancy

- 7 or more consecutive unexcused absences
- 10 or more unexcused absences in a month
- 15 or more unexcused absences in a year

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Your child's school determines whether an absence is "excused."

Excused absences may include

- Illness or injury
- Illness or death in the family
- Funeral of immediate family member or close relative
- Religious holiday
- Medical and dental appointments
- Court appearances
- Pre-approved vacations
- Emergencies



Helping Your Child Succeed

- ✚ Encourage good study habits.
- ✚ Help with homework and/or arrange for a tutor, if necessary.
- ✚ Set achievable academic goals.
- ✚ Involve your child in extra-curricular activities.
- ✚ Recognize when your child does well and tell them how proud you are.
- ✚ Meet with your child's teachers and school officials -- get involved!
- ✚ Know when your child is absent from school.



- ✚ Teach your child that a good education is necessary to find and keep a good job.
- ✚ Identify and seek treatment for any drug or alcohol problems your child may develop.
- ✚ Know your child's friends and classmates.