

Truancy

Following three (3) days of unlawful absence, parents/guardians shall be notified in writing. School officials shall initiate action against parents/guardians of students who have accumulated in excess of three (3) days of unlawful absences. Chronic truancy could result in loss of driver's license, home visits, and possible failure for the marking period due to missed work.

A student must be in school in order to attend an after school or evening extra-curricular activity.

Any student who is truant, cuts classes or leaves school without permission will receive a "0" for the classes missed.

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Pennsylvania Act 29 states that a parent/guardian who fails to ensure that their children attend school can be ordered to pay a fine not exceeding \$300.00 and to pay court costs, or be sentenced to complete a parenting education program, or up to six (6) months community service. A parent will not be convicted if they show that they took every reasonable step to ensure attendance of the child at school. A child who is at least 13 years old and fails to attend school, or is habitually truant from school without justification commits a summary offense and may, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$300.00, community service, or be assigned to an adjudication alternative program. Act 29 also provides that children convicted of the newly created summary offense will be subject to a 90 day suspension of their driving privileges. A second conviction will result in a six (6) month suspension period. Unlicensed youth will be restricted from acquiring these privileges when they apply during the aforementioned period of time.