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**II. ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT**

**A. SCHOOL-BASED INITIATIVES**

All schools whose overall attendance rate is below 95% shall develop an "Attendance Improvement Plan" ("Plan") to be implemented during the next school year. The Plan shall be included in, and made a

part of the school improvement plan. The goals of the Plan shall be to

reduce the number of student absences; reduce the number of chronic truants/potential dropouts; and increase parental and community involvement in these objectives.

educational programs, increased extracurricular activities, appropriate services to address the needs of homeless students, and other

systemic changes to achieve the goals of the Plan. Principals are to refer to the Student Attendance Improvement information guidelines available from the Department of Attendance Improvement for the development of the Student Attendance Improvement Plans, the identification of personnel to implement the plans, and the annual evaluation of the Plan. Attendance Improvement Plans may also

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assistance it provides to parents of truant students, as allowed by statute by the Office of the State's Attorney of Cook County and the Circuit Court of Cook County, and the Division by requesting the expedited processing of truants on probation and the prosecution of chronic truants and their parents or legal guardians, as appropriate, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-4.5; and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, in order to implement to the greatest extent possible opportunities for such interagency collaboration.

**VI - CHRONIC TRUANT ADJUDICATION**

Pursuant to Section 34-4.5 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/34-4.5), there is hereby established a Department of Chronic Truant Adjudication, which shall be responsible for identifying, investigating, and imposing appropriate disciplinary and administrative actions on students suspected of being chronic truants, as defined in Section 34-4.5 of the Illinois School Code. The Board shall appoint and re-declare the status, appeal, and employ hearing officials and other appropriate personnel to perform the functions of the Department of Chronic Truant Adjudication. The Department of Chronic Truant Adjudication shall adopt and disseminate as appropriate procedures to fulfill the requirements of Section 34-4.5.

**Amends/Resolids** - Resolids: 96-0925-PO1, Mandatory Student Attendance Improvement  
Cross-References: 81-114-7-84-20-2, 83-216-26, 83-216-27, 84-041-11-E-D7, 84-0718-RS3, 85-0925-ED5, 88-0309-E-D7, 88-1026-E13, 89-0222-PO1, 90-0716-RS3, 95-0222-RS3, 94-0323-PO1, 96-0327-PO1, 96-0828-PO3, 96-0828-PO4, 96-1120-PO3

LSO REVIEW: Not Applicable

**FINANCIAL:** No additional cost to the Board.  
**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** Within budget appropriations.

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