

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 04-0225-PO4
COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON ABSENTEEISM AND TRUANCY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Amend the Comprehensive Policy on Absenteeism and Truancy, Board Report 04-0128-PO3.

POLICY TEXT:

I. DEFINITIONS

As used in this policy, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

A. "Valid Cause For Absence" shall mean:

- (i) illness;
- (ii) observance of a religious holiday;

II. ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT

A. SCHOOL-BASED INITIATIVES

Improvement Plan" ("Plan") to be implemented during the next school year. The Plan shall be included in, and made a part of, the school's School Improvement Plan for Advancing Academic Achievement for the next school year. The goals of the Plan shall be to:

- (i) reduce the number of student absences;
- (ii) increase student academic achievement;
- (iii) reduce the number of chronic truants/potential dropouts;
- (iv) increase parental and community involvement in these objectives; and

5. **STUDENT ATTENDANCE AUDITS:** Schools shall be subject to annual audits to ~~determine whether they are in compliance with their Attendance Improvement~~

Plans and are accurately reporting student attendance.

6. **INTERVENTION:** Schools should employ the truancy intervention techniques, strategies, and procedures set forth in the Uniform Attendance Guidelines to maintain and improve their average daily attendance.

III. INTERVENTION

In order to identify and address the cause(s) of unexcused absenteeism, a principal shall, as necessary: interview the student; meet with his or her parent(s) or guardian(s); meet with other Board officials or employees, including Area School Homeless Education Liaisons, or other parties who may have

and possession of other governmental agencies, including the Chicago Housing Authority, including

provisions in its lease requiring regular school attendance by school-age students; the Illinois

5. information provided to the student as well as the parent or guardian summarizing the likely adverse consequences that result from dropping out of school.

D. School administrators must comply with the following provisions regarding removing students from enrollment:

1. Students may not be removed from enrollment solely because of excessive ~~unexcused absence in a year (for example, 20 consecutive unexcused~~

absences).

2. Students with excessive absences may be removed from enrollment only if, following the procedures set forth above, their whereabouts cannot be

3. Schools must complete a Lost Child Report for every student who cannot be located and is removed from enrollment after following the procedures set forth above.

4. For students who wish to withdraw from enrollment, the student must

SCHOOL UNIFORM OR DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Schools may impose disciplinary sanctions pursuant to the Uniform Discipline Code for uniform or dress code violations. Schools cannot bar students from daily attendance or send them home for violations of a uniform or dress code. Out-of-school suspensions for uniform or dress code violations are prohibited.

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