

## **TRUANCY**

Absent students not having parent/guardian permission are considered as being truant (unexcused). Habitual truancy has changed in definition consistent with HB 154 from 20 half days to 10 half days of unexcused absence. Half day of absence is delineated by either morning or afternoon (AM/PM) as stated in regular school hours. Truant students may be subject to school disciplinary measures in line with applicable Laconia School Board policies and the rules in the Parent-Student Handbook.

Students identified as truant will be contacted by either a school official, attendance coordinator or the school resource officer. If the truancy problem continues, the school administrator may utilize the court system through a CHINS Petition to maintain regular and punctual patterns of attendance for students as required in RSA 193:1.

Any staff member aware of a student leaving a class or the school grounds without permission shall report the departure immediately to the Principal.

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