

Truancy and Unexcused Absences

Wayne & Holmes County Residents

Under Ohio law, a student is considered a *Habitual Truant* if he/she has been absent without legitimate excuse from a public school:

- 30 or more consecutive hours
- 42 or more hours in 1 school month
- 72 or more hours in 1 school year

If a student's absences surpass the threshold for a *Habitual Truant*, the school shall develop an Absence Intervention Plan (AIP). This plan is developed in an effort to reduce or eliminate further absences.

The school must file a complaint in juvenile court against the student and parent/guardian on the 61st day after the implementation of the AIP, provided that all of the following apply:

1. The student is an Habitual Truant
2. The school has made meaningful attempts to reengage the student through the AIP
3. The student has refused to participate in or failed to make satisfactory progress on the AIP
4. The student, at any time during the implementation phase of the AIP, is absent without legitimate excuse for 30 or more consecutive hours or 42 or more hours in one school month, unless the school has determined that the student has made substantial progress on the AIP.