

TRUANCY

I. POLICY:

A child between the ages of seven and sixteen years shall attend a public school or an approved or reporting private school for the full number of days for which that school is held, unless:

- (1) the child is mentally or physically unable to attend; or
- (2) is being furnished with an approved program of home instruction; or
- (3) has completed the tenth grade; or
- (4) is excused by the superintendent or a majority of the school directors as provided by law.

II. RATIONALE:

A child may be found to be in need of state care or supervision if the child is repeatedly and without cause truant from school. 33 V.S.A. s 632(12) (See Appendix A for school truancy statutes.)

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