Pike County Career Technology Center

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Attendance Requirements

It is important for every student in Ohio to attend school every day. Missing too much school has long-term, negative effects on students, such as lower achievement and graduation rates. There are many reasons students miss school, but districts often can directly impact their students' attendance. By using data to identify and support students who may need extra support and services, districts can target supports to get students to school every day. Because of the requirements of House Bill 410 and Ohio Revised Code Section 3321.191 it is **extremely important that you keep your contact information (address / phone number) up-to-date with the CTC.** The Pike County CTC will make attempts to contact you when required by House Bill 410 and Ohio Revised Code Section 3321.191 to update you on your child's attendance.

Regular school attendance is an important ingredient in students' academic success. Excessive absences interfere with students' progress in mastering knowledge and skills necessary to graduate from high school and be prepared for higher education and the workforce. To support academic success for all students, the district will partner with students and their families to identify and reduce barriers to regular school attendance. The district will utilize a continuum of strategies to reduce student absence including, but not limited to:

- Notification of student absence to the parent or guardian;
- Development and implementation of an absence intervention plan, which may include supportive services for students and families;
- Counseling;
- Parent education and parenting programs;
- Mediation;
- Intervention programs available through juvenile authorities; and
- Referral for truancy, if applicable.

DEFINITION OF TRUANCY AND CHRONIC ABSENCES

1. Definition of 'habitual truant' changed from days to hours. The new definition is:
    a. Absent 30 or more consecutive hours **without** a legitimate excuse;
    b. Absent 42 or more hours in one school month **without** a legitimate excuse; or

c. Absent 72 or more hours in one school year **without** a legitimate excuse.

2. Definition of 'chronic absence':

Missing at least 10% of instructional time for *any reason* in the school year. Student absences from school, whether excused, unexcused, or out-of-school suspensions, take away from instructional time and have an adverse effect on student learning.

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN A CHILD HAS CHRONIC ABSENCES

The Pike County CTC will communicate attendance concerns no later than when a student has missed 5% of the minimum number of hours for any reason. Missing as little as 2-3 days a month may make a student chronically absent. Intervening early through communication and support may help prevent student from becoming chronically absent. The Pike County CTC will use tiered interventions and supports for students and families to help address root causes of absences and provide absence intervention teams to work with students at risk of becoming chronically absent.

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN A CHILD IS HABITUALLY TRUANT

When a student is habitually truant, the following will occur:

1. Within 7 school days of the triggering absence, the district will do the following:
   a. Select members of the absence intervention team;
   b. Make 3 meaningful attempts to secure the participation of the student's parent or guardian on the absence intervention team.
2. Within 10 days of the triggering absence, the student will be assigned to the selected absence intervention team;
3. Within 14 school days after the assignment of the team, the district will develop the student's absence intervention plan; and
4. If the student does not make progress on the plan within 61 days or continues to be excessively absent, the district will file a complaint in the juvenile court.

We are looking forward to the start of the 2026-2027 school year. Please help us this year with the attendance of your students. The best plan is to ensure your student is present at school every day. If we can be of help, please call (740) 289 – 2721.

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