

Habitual Truancy

A “truant” is defined as a student who is willfully absent from school without the knowledge or consent of the parent (including a guardian and custodian) and the school, or is absent from school when there is an attempt to evade the Indiana Compulsory Attendance law. A “habitual truant” is defined as a student who is truant on more than ten (10) days during any school year.

All students who are at least thirteen (13) years of age but under the full age of fifteen (15) years, and who are determined to be a habitual truant cannot be issued an operator’s license or learner’s permit by the bureau of motor vehicles until the age of 18 years, or until their attendance record has improved as determined by the school board upon review of the student’s record.

Procedures developed for the administration of this law, shall included provisions for periodic review of all students determined to be habitual truants, and their reclassification, when warranted. Said procedures will be developed by the superintendent of schools or his/her designee.

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