

## **Truancy**

Truancy is any absence for part or all of one or more days from school for which the school has not been notified by the parent regarding the reason for the child's absence. Truancy also means intermittent attendance carried on for the purpose of defeating the intent of Section 118.15 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Students will be considered habitually truant if absent or tardy from school without an acceptable excuse for the following:

Part or all of five (5) or more days on which school is held during a semester. (1998 Wisconsin Act 239)

The courts hold parents responsible for their children's attendance. If their child is found to be habitually truant, parents may receive a penalty including a \$500 fine, up to 30 days imprisonment, or both.

## **Excessive Absences/Tardies**

It is widely recognized that any pattern of excessive absence (excused, unexcused, or a combination), has an adverse effect on the learning process. The Oregon School District believes early intervention is most successful in making a positive difference in a child's school experience. Because of this philosophy, all schools in our district make formal responses to situations involving excessive or unexcused absences.

If problems are suspected, a parent meeting will be called to discuss reasons for the absences and to determine an action plan designed to improve school attendance and the child's educational program. According to school policy, the district may request the parent or guardian to obtain a written statement from a physician or licensed practitioner as proof of the physical or mental condition of the student.

## **Indoor Recess Requests**

Based on consultations with medical professionals, we believe that if students are properly dressed and well enough to attend school, they will go out for recess and attend physical education classes. A note from the child's physician will be required in the event that a child cannot participate in outdoor recess or physical education for an extended period of time due to injury or illness.

## **Change of After School Plans**

If you have a change of after school plans for your student, please write a note for your child to deliver to his/her teacher. If the change is during the school day, make sure you speak to the teacher directly.