

Kuna School District No. 003 is committed to fostering the academic and personal growth of its students; therefore, every child in the district is required to attend school regularly in order to make a successful transition to the next grade level and to graduate with a high school diploma.

The board authorized the superintendent or designee to enforce this policy, including the authority to identify a student who is habitually truant, complete and file the necessary supporting documentation, and give notice to the prosecuting attorney of trancies.

HABITUAL TRUANT DEFINED

A habitual truant means:

- a. Any public school pupil who, in the judgment of the board of trustees, or the board designee, repeatedly has violated the attendance regulations established by this policy,
- b. or Any child whose parent or guardian has failed or refused to cause the pupil to be instructed as provided by Idaho Code Section 33-202.

For purposes of this policy, a student may be habitual truant if he/she does not meet the ninety percent (90%) attendance hours required of this policy per grading period.

EXPULSION FOR HABITUAL TRUANCY

The board may expel or disenroll a student because he or she is a habitual truant, as defined in this policy. The procedure for expulsion is set forth in Policy 544 (Student Expulsion/Denial of Enrollment). The student will be allowed to continue to attend classes pending the board’s determination. Students and parents/guardians who have valid reasons to believe that all or part of the absences are the result of extraordinary circumstances may request a review of their case following the attendance appeal process at the specific school.

NOTICE TO PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF HABITUAL TRUANTS

In accordance with Idaho law, any student who has been deemed by the board to be a habitual truant, regardless of whether the student is expelled or disenrolled, will be referred to the prosecuting attorney in the student’s county of residence.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections

- 20-510 – Information – Investigation - Petition
- 33-202 – School Attendance Compulsory
- 33-206 – Habitual Truant Defined
- 33-207 – Proceedings Against Parents or Guardians
- 33-506(1) – Organization and Government of Board of Trustees
- 33-512 – Governance of Schools

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