

All absences must be reported to the attendance office either via phone: (513) 539-8471 or email: trasnick@monroelocalschools.com. Any medical appointments with a doctor should be provided with a note to excuse the absence. Please turn in any notes to the attendance office upon returning to school. Planned absences for longer than 2 days require administrator approval- please send in a detailed note with your child with the date(s) listed.

Rule 19 – Truancy, Excessive Absenteeism (5200)

(Refer to District website for full attendance policy)

It is important for every student at Monroe to attend school every day. Missing too much school has long-term, negative effects on students, such as lower achievement and graduation rates. The Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 410 to encourage and support a preventative approach to excessive absences and truancy.

Definition of 'habitual truant' changed from days to hours. The new definition is:

- Absent 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse;
- Absent 42 or more hours in one month without legitimate excuse; or
- Absent 72 or more hours in one year without legitimate excuse.
- Includes 'excessive absences':
- Absent 38 or more hours in one school month with or without a legitimate excuse; or
- Absent 65 or more hours in one school year with or without a legitimate excuse.

With students who are 'habitually truant' or 'excessively absent' there will be the creation of an Absence Intervention Team (AIT) to develop absence intervention plans.

Consequences:

- Parent/guardian called immediately
- Written notification sent home (explaining the process and next steps)
- Set up a meeting with the parents
- Set up student attendance contract
- Schedule Absence Intervention Team (AIT) meeting
- Develop Absence Intervention Plan
- Refer to Children's Services / Juvenile Court