

TRUANCY

Through cooperation with parents, strict adherence to regulations in regard to tardiness and unexcused absence, and diligence in investigating the causes of absence, the Board will endeavor to reduce tardiness and truancy.

Any person having control of a child of compulsory school age who fails to have the child attend school as required by the provisions of this title, is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor for the first offense. For each subsequent offense, a violator of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. (SDCL 13-27-11)

The district's superintendent shall be the truancy officer and will be responsible for enforcing the compulsory attendance laws which require regular attendance, provide for penalties if parents and guardians do not carry out their responsibilities, and establish procedures for referral of a truant student to juvenile authorities.

The district truancy officer shall make and file truancy complaints, and any teacher, school officer or any citizen may make and file a truancy complaint before the circuit court judge.

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