

Unless reporting would violate the terms of any memorandum of understanding between the district and the authority to which reports would be made. The building principal shall report students who are inexcusably absent from school to the appropriate authority.

Truancy is defined as any three consecutive unexcused absences, any five unexcused absences in a semester or seven unexcused absences in a school year, whichever comes first. School year means the period from July 1 to June 30. Students who are absent without a valid excuse for a significant part of any school day shall be considered truant.

Prior to reporting to either S.R.S. (if the student is under 13) or the county or district attorney (if the student is 13 or more years of age but less than 18 years of age), a letter shall be sent to the student's parent(s) or guardian notifying them that the student's failure to attend school without a valid excuse shall result in the student being reported truant.

Waiver of Compulsory Attendance Requirements

Students 16 or 17 years of age may be exempt from compulsory attendance regulations if the parent(s) or person acting as parent attend(s) the counseling session required by law and signs the appropriate consent and waiver form; if the student earns a GED; or if the student is exempt from compulsory attendance requirements pursuant to a court order.

### Involvement of Law Enforcement

Law enforcement officers may return truant children to the school where the child is enrolled, to the child's parent or guardian or to another location designated by the board to address truancy issues.

### Reporting to Parents

If a truant child is returned to school by a law enforcement official, the principal shall notify the parent or guardian.

### Dual Enrollment Students

Eligible students who are enrolled in a board-approved dual enrollment program shall not be considered truant for the hours during the school day they attend classes at a Regent's university, community college, technical college, vocational educational school, or Washburn University.

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**JBE TRUANCY**

**Waiver of Compulsory Attendance Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent or legal guardian), understand that pursuant to Kansas law, \_\_\_\_\_ (student) is required to attend school until he/she receives a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) credential or reaches the age of 18, whichever occurs first.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3120, as amended, USD #330 encourages \_\_\_\_\_ (student) to remain in school or to pursue an education alternative.

The school has informed me that the academic skills listed below have not been achieved by \_\_\_\_\_ (student):

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Based on information attached below, I understand the difference in future earnings power between a high school graduate and a high school dropout.

The school has indicated to me and to my child that \_\_\_\_\_ (student) is encouraged to attend one of the following alternative educational programs:

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The undersigned hereby give(s) written consent to allow \_\_\_\_\_ (student), who is [choose one]  16  17 years of age, to be exempt from the Kansas compulsory attendance requirement and state I/we have attended the final counseling session conducted by USD #330 in which the above information was presented to us.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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