

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS !

## TRUANCY

- Students may use up to 5 Parent Notes per year to excuse absences. Students have 3 days from the date they return to school from an absence to turn in excuses.
- A student is truant if they have 5 or more unexcused absences.
- Per TCA 49-6-3009, truant students are subject to the Progressive Truancy Intervention Plan.
- Students who will not participate in, or are not successful with, the Plan will be referred to Juvenile Court. Parents are referred to Adult Court via a Failure to Send.

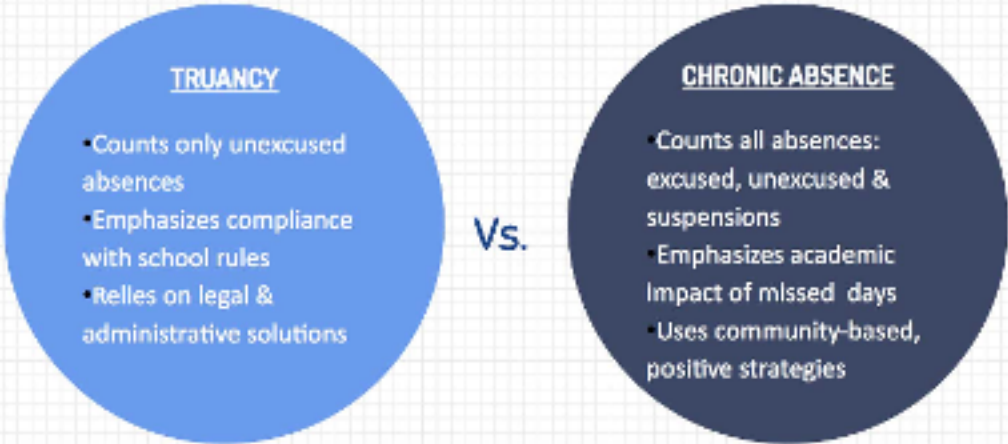
## PROGRESSIVE TRUANCY INTERVENTION PLAN

- Tier 1** – 5 unexcused absences
- Required conference with parent and student to discuss absences and remedy any issues if possible.
  - Plan/Contract created and signed by Student, Parent, and School Representative.
- Tier 2** – 6 unexcused absences
- Required conference with parent and student who are informed of available community resources.
  - New plan/contract formed and signed.
- Tier 3** – 7 unexcused absences
- The student is referred to the Truancy Board.

## CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation. Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

### Truancy Vs. Chronic Absence



## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

9/2	Labor Day
10/14-18	Fall Break
11/27-29	Thanksgiving Break
12/20-1/3	Christmas Break
1/20	Martin Luther King Jr Day
2/17	President's Day
3/3	Professional Development
3/23-27	Spring Break
4/10	Good Friday