

## **Macon County 9-12 Truancy Plan**

**Tier 1:** According to T.C.A., 49-6-3007, a student who has been absent three (3) days without adequate excuses throughout the school year may be deemed habitually truant. A truancy plan notification letter will be sent home with all students at the start of the school year to serve as a notice of attendance procedures. **Macon County School System will no longer accept parent notes to excuse absences.**

**Tier 2:** After **3 unexcused absences** or **7 excused absences**, the student and parents will be required to meet with the school Truancy Board to discuss reasons for student absences. The board will vary between schools, but will include, as many of the following as possible, student, parents, administrator, counselors, teachers, attendance coordinator for school, graduation coach and attendance supervisor. Student and parents will be required to sign an attendance contract that includes attendance expectations and interventions for continued absences. Interventions may include:

- Documented conversation with school designee
- Referral to an at-risk designee
- Referral to after or before school tutoring/detention
- Notification of truancy court referral if absences continue.

**Tier 3:** At **5 unexcused absences** or **10 excused absences** and failure to respond to interventions and recommendations of the Truancy Board, the parent/guardian and student will be petitioned to court for “truancy.”

Also, please be aware, if (10) consecutive or (15) unexcused absences occur during any semester, a student is rendered ineligible to retain a driver’s permit or license, or obtain such, if of age.

According to state attendance laws, we are authorized to withdraw any student who is above the age limit (18 years old) for compulsory attendance when their lack of attendance (10 consecutive unexcused) is disruptive to the normal school process. If poor attendance continues, the student can/will be dropped from the school roll.