

July 1, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

This letter is to inform you of the compulsory attendance laws (KRS 159.010 to 159.170) that are currently effective in the state of Kentucky beginning July 1, 2015. The law states that any student between the ages of 6 and 18 enrolled in a public school, who has been tardy or absent without valid excuse (unexcused) for 3 or more days is a truant. And any student tardy or absent without valid excuse (unexcused) two or more times (6 days or more) is a habitual truant. All schools in the district will excuse the first seven absences provided they are verified with valid reasons by the pupil's parent or guardian.

If a student becomes a habitual truant it may result in court proceedings against parents and/or students involving the Muhlenberg County Attorney or Court Designated Specialist. This policy will be enforced for all students in the Muhlenberg County School District.

Our district asks that as a matter of safety for our students, that parents and guardians call your child's school any time that your child is absent from school. All schools have been instructed to call and/or leave messages when we have not heard from a parent or guardian regarding a student's absence.

The Muhlenberg County School System is required to enforce the compulsory attendance law. Our main goal is to ensure that your child receives the best education possible in order to prepare them for a successful future and regular daily attendance promotes life-long opportunities. Please consider the following:

- 1) The more a child misses school, the less he or she learns
- 2) The less a child learns, it lowers his or her grades (This can impact the amount of KEES money students receive after high school graduation for post-secondary education)
- 3) Regular attendance promotes responsible habits for students in adulthood careers
- 4) The less a child attends school, the more likely they will not graduate
- 5) Students who drop out of school (only students 18 years old or above are exempt for compulsory attendance laws) or students who do not graduate have more trouble finding employment

If you have any questions regarding attendance please contact your child's school principal or Lee Freeman, Director of Pupil Personnel at (270) 377-5016.

Yours in Education,

Lee Freeman
Director of Pupil Personnel