



## BLOOM-VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

In December 2016, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 410 changing the law for excessive absences and truancy for the 2017-2018 school year. Bloom-Vernon Local has amended and adopted policies that are required by law. The following are a list of changes to the definition of 'habitually truant':

- Absent 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse;
- Absent 42 or more hours in one school month without a legitimate excuse;
- Absent 72 or more hours in one school year without a legitimate excuse.

Students that are deemed 'habitually truant' in any of these circumstances will be turned into the attendance officer. The attendance officer is required to contact the parent regarding a time and date of an Absence Intervention Team (AIT) meeting the parent is required to attend. During this meeting the AIT will develop an absence intervention plan. This plan will be monitored and evaluated during implementation. Failure to follow and meet the plan requirements will trigger the filing of an official complaint to the Scioto County Juvenile Court.

House Bill 410 also defined 'excessively absent' as the following:

- Absent 38 or more hours in one school month with or without a legitimate excuse;
- Absent 65 or more hours in one school year with or without a legitimate excuse.

Students that are deemed 'excessively absent' in either of these circumstances will be sent a letter from the school district notifying them of the excessive absences. No further action will be needed at that time, but further action may be required if the absences continue.

Accompanying this letter is the updated attendance procedure for the school handbook. Please take the time to read through the information. Regular school attendance is very important to your child's education. Please make every effort to have your child attend on a regular basis.

Sincerely,

Marc Kreischer  
Superintendent

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