

Truancy

Truancy is defined as absence from school or class without permission.

The High Desert ESD believes irregular attendance is one of the factors associated with student failure and frustration with the school experience. A fundamental purpose for insisting on punctual, regular attendance is to help each student develop habits of responsibility.

With these beliefs in mind, the ESD will develop procedures that foster a partnership with component school districts and parents in the early detection of truancy in ESD classrooms. The district will provide for related counseling and appropriate consequences¹ in accordance with the student's individualized education program (IEP).

High Desert ESD staff working in component school districts, their students and parents shall comply with local district policies and procedures.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125 \(7\)](#)
[ORS 339.040 - 339.090](#)

[ORS 339.240 - 339.250](#)
[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

¹ Expulsion may not be used to address truancy. (ORS 339.250(2)(b)(B))