

## TRUANCY

A parent, guardian, or other person having charge of any child officially enrolled in Alabama public schools (K-12) shall explain in writing the cause of any and every absence of the child no later than three (3) school days following return to school. A failure to furnish such explanation shall be evidence of the child being truant each day he is absent. The child shall also be deemed truant for any absence determined by the principal to be unexcused based upon the State Department of Education's current School Attendance Manual. Seven unexcused absences within a school year constitute a student being truant for the purpose of filing a petition with the Court. Provided a student under 16 years of age becomes a truant, the parent or guardian of said student may be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to punishment by law. Provided the parent or guardian files a written statement in court stating that he/she is unable to control such student, the student may then be subject to action of the juvenile court.

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