

# What happens when students age 11 and under have unexcused absences from school?

*Don't wait to address attendance concerns. Call the school's attendance line for help to improve attendance.*

## CONTINUUM OF SCHOOL'S RESPONSE

- School calls parent(s)/guardian(s) to notify them of the absences.
- School staff meets with parent(s)/guardian(s) to make a plan to improve attendance.
- School staff is required to send a warning letter citing the MN State Statute and explaining that continued absences will result in a referral to the Ramsey County Attorney's Family Truancy Intervention Program, FTIP.

- **If attendance does not improve**



## CONTINUUM OF RAMSEY COUNTY ATTORNEY'S RESPONSE

- The Ramsey County Attorney schedules a Parent Information Session with parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Ramsey County Attorney's Office notifies Child Protective Services of potential Educational Neglect which may result in a home visit.
- The Ramsey County Attorney schedules a Student Attendance Review Team hearing with parents(s)/guardians to review attendance records and attend the hearing, child protection worker, and school staff.
- Ramsey County Attorney files a petition with Ramsey County Juvenile Court charging parent with Educational Neglect.

- **If attendance does not improve**



## CONTINUUM OF COURT ORDERED CONSEQUENCES

- Parent(s)/guardian(s) could be court ordered to:
  - Comply with a Child Protection case plan.
  - Pay a \$300.00 fine.
  - Complete parenting classes, or counseling.
  - Complete psychological and/or chemical dependency evaluation.
- The Court orders the child to be removed from the home.

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in early truancy prevention, intervention, and student attendance improvement.