

What happens when students age 12 and over 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 RESPONSE

- School calls parent(s)/guardian(s) to notify them of the absences.
- School staff meets with the student to make a plan to improve attendance.
- School staff meets with the 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 Truancy Intervention Program, TIP.

- **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).
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) meet with the school staff and the student to create an in-school contract clarifying the students, the parents, and the schools responsibilities to improve attendance.
- The Ramsey County Attorney schedules a Student Attendance Review Team hearing with parents(s)/guardians, student and school staff to review attendance records and identify barriers to attendance. Students and parents create and sign a school attendance contract.
- Ramsey County Attorney files a petition for truancy with Ramsey County Juvenile Court.

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CONTINUUM OF COURT ORDERED CONSEQUENCES

- Student could be court ordered to:
 - Comply with supervised probation for 180 days.
 - Pay \$100.00 fine.
 - Complete community service hours.
 - Student is court ordered to lose ability to have or obtain a driver's license until age 18.
 - Complete mental health and/or chemical health evaluations.
 - Comply with house arrest.
 - Placement in a shelter, foster home, or group home.
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) can be court ordered to deliver student to school, on time, daily.

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