

Rhea County's Progressive Truancy Plan

A three-tiered approach to help families and students who are facing chronic absenteeism.

At each tier, there's a different action or support.

| Tier | Unexcused Absence # | What to Expect: |
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| Tier 1 0-4 UNEXCUSED Applies to all students and includes school-based incentives for good attendance. | 1 | |
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| | 3 | Parents/guardians of students who accumulate 3 unexcused absences will be contacted via BrightArrow with a reminder of School Rules, District Policies, and State Law. |
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| Tier 2 5-9 UNEXCUSED | 5 | A message via BrightArrow with a reminder of School Rules, District Policies, and State Law will be sent. |
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| | 8 | When a student reaches eight unexcused absences, a district level meeting is set. Parent and student must meet with the Rhea County Truancy-Discipline Board at Central Office on set date and time. This meeting reiterates the importance of attending school as well as the punitive measures of Saturday School. An Attendance Contract will be completed by the student and parent. Student services from local juvenile court services will be made available, but not limited to: Juvenile Justice Reform, Department of Children's Services, and U-Turn Programs. |
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| Tier 3 10 UNEXCUSED | 10 | A petition to appear in Juvenile Court will be issued. We have partnered with Judge Jace Cochran to ensure laws written to make sure students attend school and make sure parents get them to school are followed. Efforts will be made to protect our students from any abuse situations or neglect. We need to do what is best for our students and families. |