TRI-TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION

POLICY

REGARDING

HABITUAL TRUANCY

A "habitual truant" is defined as a student who has eleven (11) or more days of unexcused absences in one school year.

The term "truancy" is hereby defined as any unexcused absence including:
   a. Absences not verified by a parent/guardian.
   b. Absences in defiance of parental authority.
   c. Absences without a doctor's excuse indicating the specific dates the physician is excusing after a "Certificate of Incapacity" has been demanded and is:
      1. not returned or
      2. the physician has indicated the student should have regular daily attendance.
   d. Leaving school without obtaining prior approval from the principal or his designee.

All students who are at least thirteen (13) years of age but less than the age of fifteen (15) years, and who are determined to be a habitual truant per the definition above, are subject to Indiana Code 20-33-2-11, which provides that any person who is determined to be a habitual truant as defined by school board policy cannot be issued an operator's license or learner's permit until the age of 18 years, or until the student's attendance record has improved as determined by the principal upon review of the student's record of at least once per school year.

The student's principal is required to report to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the student's status as a habitual truant. The student upon initial designation of being a habitual truant is entitled to the same statutory procedures as a student who is being expelled.

Procedures developed for the administration of this policy, shall include provisions for periodic review of all students determined to be habitual truants, and their reclassification, when warranted. These procedures will be developed by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Legal Reference: I.C. 20-33-2-11

Adopted by the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation School Board this 10th day of December, 2012.
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