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Policy Title Truancy – Unexcused Absences Code No. 501.4C

Regular attendance by the students at school is essential for students to obtain the maximum opportunities from the education program. Parents and students alike are encouraged to ensure an absence from school is a necessary absence. Students will attend school unless excused by the principal of their attendance center.

Truancy is the failure to attend school for the minimum number of days established in the school calendar by the board. Truancy is the act of any student being absent from school and/or class without the knowledge and consent of the parent and approval of school administration. Truancy will not be tolerated by the board.

Students are subject to disciplinary action for truancy including suspension, expulsion and/or referral to juvenile court. It is within the discretion of the principal to determine, in light of the circumstances, whether a student may make up work missed because of truancy. Students receiving special education services will not be assigned to in-school suspension unless the goals and objectives of the student's Individualized Education Program are capable of being met.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy. These administrative regulations are reflected in the Student/Parent Handbooks.

Legal Reference:

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Pleasant Valley Community School District Board Policy