



FORT COBB—BROXTON PUBLIC SCHOOL &
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
TRUANCY POLICIES & PROCEDURES



Oklahoma Truancy Law:

- Children 5—17 yrs of age must attend school
- Parent may be charged with a Misdemeanor Offense or Child may face Delinquent Charges if the Child has missed 4 or more days within a four week period; or 10 or more days within a semester, with out valid excuse, & notice has been given to the parent/guardian.
- Violation of these provisions are punishable by fines of \$25—\$250, imprisonment of 5 to 15 days, or both fine & imprisonment.
70 Okla. Stat §10-105

Quick Facts on Truancy

- Truancy is a stepping stone to delinquent & criminal acts.
- Truancy is habitual; excessive absences in young children must be stopped immediately before the habit is formed.
- Students routinely skipping school fall behind in their school work; dropping out becomes easier than catching up.
- Truant students are at higher risk of having drugs, alcohol, & violence issues; laziness becomes a way of life.
- Parental neglect is a common cause of truancy.
- Chronic Truants are often unable to develop interpersonal relationships or gain the knowledge & skills they will need for future success

**Fort Cobb-Broxton Public Schools & District Attorney
join together in a ZERO tolerance policy
to combat truancy.**

SHOCKING STATISTIC:

STREET CRIMES lower by 95% as a result of Truancy Laws being enforced.

The School District will notify the District Attorney upon:

- A Child's failure to adhere to the Oklahoma Law (Title 70 Section 10-105) enforcing school attendance.
- A parent's failure to communicate with the school to resolve a child's absence/ truancy issue with the school.
- A parent's failure to correct a child's absence.

Efforts taken by the District Attorney to combat Truancy:

- Enforce Truancy Laws enacted by the Oklahoma State Legislature by filing charges on any person violating these provisions.
- Implemented Graduated Sanctions Program*

Goal: To support and enforce Oklahoma Truancy Laws
To encourage academic performance & child's welfare
To promote cooperation between parent/child & School District

*Graduated Sanctions Program members: Local Law Enforcement, Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs, S.W. Youth & Family Services, School Representative & District Attorney

*For questions regarding Oklahoma Truancy Laws, contact
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