

I. PURPOSE

School attendance is crucial to student achievement, and Athlos Academy's policy aims to encourage attendance by delineating the consequences of accumulated unexcused absences.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "School-age child" means a minor who:
1. is at least 6 years old but younger than 18 years old and;
 2. is not emancipated.

III. POLICY

- A. Truancy occurs when a school-age child, without valid excuse as outlined in Policy 5201, is absent for at least:
1. half of the school day; or
 2. if the school-age child is enrolled in a learner verified program, including full time distance learning, the relevant amount of time is not met.
- B. Violations:
1. A school administrator, a designee of a school administrator, a law enforcement officer acting as a school resource officer, or a truancy specialist may only issue a notice of compulsory attendance education violation if the school-age child is:
 - a. in grade 1-6 and;
 - b. truant at least 5 times in the school year.
 2. A school administrator, a designee of a school administrator, a law enforcement officer acting as a school resource officer, or a truancy specialist may only issue a notice of truancy if the school-age child is:
 - a. in grade 7 or above, unless the school-age child is less than 12 years old, and;
 - b. truant at least 5 times in the school year.

C. Parental Notification

1. Athlos Academy will notify the student's parent/guardian(s) that the child is in violation of compulsory education or is truant and inform the parent/guardian(s) of the consequences including:
 - a. possible meeting with the parent/guardian(s) and school administration;
 - b. strict attendance of the student, monitoring by the school, and/or suspension;
 - c. persistent efforts before referring the student to legal proceedings (i.e. juvenile court);
 - d. notification of all developments.

Legal References:

[Utah Admin R277-607](#)
[Utah Code § 53A-11-101](#)

Related Documents:

[Notice of Truancy](#)

Revisions: