



Denver Public Schools Attendance Mediation Workshop

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Truancy
What happens next?

Notify Parents of the Absences

- Telephone call
- Parent conference
- Home Visit
- Mandatory Truancy Notice after student is habitually truant

What if Truancy Continues?

Initiate Truancy Court Proceedings
 School sends the mandatory Truancy Notice

If no improvement in attendance:
 School notifies the District with request to file Truancy petition

District files petition in District Court where child lives or attends school

Process server will serve student and parents with notice and summons to attend court

What is Truancy?

Truancy is when a student is absent from school without a valid excuse for three or more days in a month.

Truancy is a violation of the state truancy law.

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***Welcome and
Introductions***

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6. Break–10 Minutes
7. Community Resources
8. Agreement Drafting and Review
9. Submit Signed Agreements
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Compulsory School Attendance

The School Attendance Law requires you to attend school, but what happens if you're absent?

- **Excused Absences**
- **Unexcused Absences (truancy)**

Excused Absences

- Must be excused and approved by both the parent and the school
- The school may require proof from the parent in order to ensure the absence should be excused by the school

What kind of proof should a parent provide?

- Written excuse from parent or health care provider
- Evidence of the reason student missed school