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## Truancy Policy

Policy No. 11

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Students enrolled at Freedom Academy shall comply with state guidelines regarding daily attendance. *Utah Administrative Code R277-607*. Per the student parent handbook “Freedom Academy expects all students to have a minimum of 95% attendance per quarter. This allows for approximately **nine** absences per school year. Excused absences include illness and family emergencies. The school must be contacted by 10 a.m. to notify them of a student’s absence or a note must be sent to the homeroom teacher.”

Parents of students who have been absent more than five days in a single quarter will be notified by mail of absenteeism concerns and parents will be required to appear before the administration to verify/justify absences.

At mid-year, students who have five or more absences will be notified by mail. Justification and documentation for said absences will be returned to the school within two weeks. Excessive absence cases will be scheduled to meet with Governing Board members to review our policies and school expectations.

When a child is absent more than five consecutive or nine total days without justifiably excused reasons or doctor verification, the school will begin steps to report parents to the court system for truancy.

Per our charter, we are unable to deliver the required education to students who are chronically absent from the daily learning environment in which they are enrolled. *Utah Code 53A-11-101.7*.

Excessive absenteeism may lead to retention in the same grade level the following year.