

Article VIII.B.11. Truancy Prevention Policy

A. Statement of Purpose

The Board of Education believes that school attendance is critical to support academic achievement. It is the intent of the Board of Education that the Department of Student Services develop procedures to encourage attendance and discourage truancy pursuant to state law (Utah Code 53A-11-101 *et seq.*), State Board of Education rule (R277-607), and the following guidelines.

B. Prevention

Student Services shall develop materials and procedures to inform District patrons and students of the importance of school attendance, compulsory attendance laws, and District procedures in the event of unresolved truancy.

C. Intervention

1. Student Services shall develop materials and procedures to assist in the correction of truancy and habitual truancy. Student Services shall utilize all mechanisms available under State law calculated to encourage attendance and discourage truancy.
2. The issuance of truancy citations is specifically authorized, a maximum fee for which is to be established annually as part of the District fee schedule. For the first year following the adoption of this policy, the fee shall not exceed \$48 (forty-eight dollars).
3. Student Services shall establish a procedure for students to contest citations.

D. Effect of Other State or Federal Law

The procedures developed pursuant to this policy are subject to State and Federal law. Student Services shall ensure that procedures ensure the rights of students under IDEA, Section 504, or other applicable laws.