

Attendance is not simply a matter of truancy or skipping...

Absences, excused or unexcused, are time away from instruction.

Truancy vs. Chronic Absence

TRUANCY

- Counts only unexcused absences
- Emphasizes compliance with school rules
- Relies on Legal & administrative solutions

VS.

CHRONIC ABSENCE

- Counts all absences: excused, unexcused & suspensions
- Emphasizes academic impact of missed days
- Uses community-based, positive strategies

