

Johnson City Schools' Truancy Plan

First Day of school:

A written copy of the Johnson City Schools' Attendance Requirements is in each school's student handbook.

Truancy Violations:

Tier 1: Completed at the individual schools (possible phone conversation).

Violation – Five **unexcused** absences

Consequences:

1. Parents will receive a letter notifying them of # of absences and a meeting will be scheduled.
2. 30-day Attendance Contract signed by student, parent, and school officials, which outlines specific attendance expectations for the student.
3. Family and school officials will review the contract in 30 days. If one or more unexcused absence(s) occur, the family will move to Tier 2.
4. If no further unexcused absences occur, the family and school officials will review the contract at 60 days to review the attendance requirements.

Tier 2: Completed at the individual schools:

Violation: The student has acquired **one or more additional unexcused** absence(s) after initial contract.

Consequences:

1. Family is required to provide doctor's excuses for all absences.
2. Counselors and/or school officials will conduct an individual assessment of the student's absences to determine the reasons for the absences.
3. Possible referral to counseling or other services as deemed necessary by the above assessment.
4. Family and student must still follow conditions set forth in the original contract.

Tier 3: Completed at Central Office/Juvenile Court:

Violation: The student has acquired **one or more additional unexcused absences** after the Tier 2 assessment.

Consequences:

1. Family is required to provide doctor's excuses for all future absences.
2. The Truancy Board will review the case with family and make the appropriate referrals to community-based services, such as: counseling, parenting classes, in-home services, etc.
3. The case will be reviewed with the family every 30 days until the end of the contract.

If the student has further unexcused absences or fails to comply with the contract after progressing to Tier 3, a petition will be filed in Juvenile Court.

Also, failure to comply with a referral to the counselors or school official (Tier 2) or to cooperate at any Tier will result in the case to automatically proceed to the next tier and ultimately to Juvenile Court.