

**TRUANCY TICKET
AND REFERRAL:**

If letters home and other parent contacts do not result in increased attendance rates, a parent may:

1. Receive a **Contributing to Truancy Ticket** (\$200.50 per truant child) from the Superior Police Department.
2. Have a referral to Douglas County submitted for family services/supports

When issues/questions arise, please don't hesitate to contact:

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Bryant Elementary
1423 Central Ave
Superior, WI 54880
715-394-8785 ext. 20110

Other Contacts for Truancy Issues:

School Social Worker:
Eva Gray
715-395-6066

Bryant School Nurse:
Jason Leveille
715-394-8785, ext. 20103

Coordinator of Family Services:
Amy Warring
715-394-8700 ext 10133

Director of Transportation:
David See
715-394-8706

Douglas County Social Services:
715-394-1304

Goal Setting:

Parent Goals for the student:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Two ways I can help my child achieve these goals:

- 1.
- 2.

What does the student need to do to achieve their goal?

- 1.
- 2.



Bryant Elementary School



Truancy Information: A Parent's Guide

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**

School District of Superior's Attendance Policy: State law (Wisconsin Statute 118.15) allows students up to 10 excused absences per year. The School District of Superior allots the first 5 excused absences in the first semester and the second 5 excused absences in the second semester. The state considers additional days absent after these 10 excused days as truant. Days a student is tardy can also be counted as a partial absence.

The School District of Superior does not discriminate on the basis of any characteristic protected under State or Federal law in any of its student programs or activities.

WHEN PRESENT THE STUDENT MAY

GAIN:

- *Improved critical thinking skills.*
- *Access to more career choices.*
- *Exposure to a wide variety of educational opportunities.*
- *Improved social skills.*

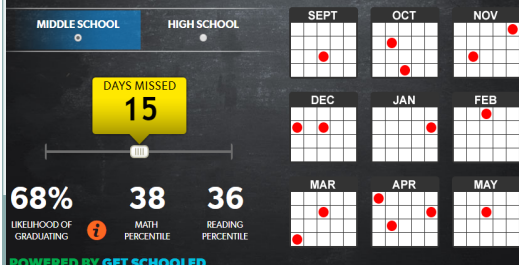


BEING ABSENT MAY COST THE STUDENT:

- Disengagement from studies and academics.
- A loss of social skills and discipline that may impact future success.
- A decline in critical thinking and or learning skills.
- Missed screenings for developmental disorders, vision, hearing, and scoliosis.
- A lack of support from programs which promote physical activity and nutrition.
- A decrease in the likelihood of graduating.

ABSENCES ADD UP!

Use the slider tool to chart the impact absences can have on your child. Just one day every so often can add up to months of missed learning time. Missing school can lower math and reading scores and leave your child less likely to graduate.



(From: In School On Track: Attorney General's 2013 Report in California)

https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/tr/truancy_2013.pdf

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP:

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before.
- Know Bryant's start/end time and school-year calendar.
- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about school, talk to teachers, school counselor, and or other parents for advice on how to make them feel more comfortable and excited about learning.
- Stay in contact—always call, email, or send a note about your child's absence.
- Develop a back-up plan for getting to school in case something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Plan family trips and medical appointments during school breaks.
- Provide verification for medical excuses (doctor, dentist, therapy, counseling, etc.)
- Help your child plan goals and work to achieve them.

An education is one of the greatest gifts to you give to your child.

