

Yeshivas Ohr Eliyahu Lubavitch Mesivta of Chicago
Absenteeism and Truancy Policy

We are a boarding school; therefore, our policy may differ from a day school.

1. Listed below are valid reasons for an absence:

- A. Illness, including the mental or behavioral health of the student
- B. Observance of a religious holiday or family celebration (wedding)
- C. Death in the immediate family or family emergency
- D. Other situations beyond the control of the student, as determined by the Board of Education in each district [or nonpublic school administration]; or
- E. Such other circumstances that cause reasonable concern to the parent for the mental, emotional, or physical health or safety of the student.

2. Our staff has several layers of monitoring a student's absenteeism and/or truancy:

- A. First, we begin by asking the student for an explanation.
- B. Second, we reach out to staff and inquire about the student's absenteeism and/or truancy.
- C. Lastly, we would reach out to a parent. Parents are the last step due to the fact our students reside with us.

3. The identification of interventions and supportive services for truant or chronically truant students.

- A. First step is a meeting with their advisor.
- B. Next step is a meeting with the principal.
- C. Parent Conference
- D. Student counseling to include information on the when, where, and how services will be provided.

4. Incorporation of the chronic absenteeism report and support provisions of School Code.

- A. Collect and review its chronic absence data and determine what systems of support and resources are needed to engage chronically absent students and their families to encourage the habit of daily attendance and promote success.
- B. Collect and regularly review its chronic absence data to identify the students who most need support and how best to support them.
- C. We provide support to students at risk of reaching or exceeding chronic absence levels.
- D. Make resources available to families.

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Update every two years, add policy to parent and student handbooks, website.