

**TRUANCY – JBD**

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A "truant" is a student who is absent without a valid excuse as identified in Policy JBA, Compulsory School Attendance.

“Truancy” also includes absence without permission from any class, study hall or school-related activity for which a student is scheduled during the school day.

Disciplinary action shall be taken against students who are truant. Continued truancy may lead to academic failure, placement in the alternative school program and/or suspension or expulsion from the regular and/or alternative school programs.

Reports of truancy shall be made in accordance with the Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law (MS CODE “ 37-13-91) and Policy JBA.

The school district shall follow the prescribed method for reporting unlawful absences to the Mississippi Department of Education.

The Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards for this policy are standards 10 and 11.

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