Anti-Truancy Parent Tips

1. Make School Attendance A Priority:
Set a time for your student to go to bed, wake up, have a healthy breakfast and get to school on time or sign in on time.

2. When Your Student Miss School:
Send a note and call the attendance clerk.

3. Visit Your Student’s School:
Get involved and volunteer.
Get to know the principal, teachers, attendance clerks and their friends.
Attend ‘Parent Conferences’ and ‘Meet The Teacher Night’ in person or virtual.

4. Know The Attendance Policy:
Know the school start time and end time.
The difference between an excused and unexcused absence.

5. Join the PTA or Parent Organization:
Network with other parents and share ideas about staying in school.
Encourage the PTA to get involved in promoting school attendance.

6. Contact Your Student’s Teachers:
Inquire on their behavior and attendance.
Make sure they have school supplies, uniforms and equipment needed if virtual.

7. If Your Student Is A Bus Rider:
Call the attendance clerks regularly and inquire if they made it to school.
If the bus is late, contact your student’s school.

8. If Your Student Is A Walker:
Call the attendance clerks regularly and inquire if they made it to school.
Make sure you know who they are walking with and the route.

9. Talk To Your Student About Truancy:
Make sure they understand the importance of attending school and there will be consequences for not attending.

10. Encourage Student Engagement:
Make sure your student is involved in school activities and clubs.

11. Talk To Your Student About Bullying:
Make sure you have a conversation about bullying to your student.
If they are being bullied, contact the school principal and encourage them to tell an adult.

12. If Your Student Is Struggling:
Make sure you get them a tutor or speak to a school counselor.

13. Reward Good Attendance and Behavior:
Family recognition, family time, greeting cards, special gifts and etc.

14. Consequences To Not Attending School:
Losing television or video game time, restrict cell phone, internet and car usage.

15. Make Sure Parent Contact Information Is Updated At All Times:
Parent/Guardian phone number, work number and home address must be current at all times for school communication and emergency.

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