



# 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 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.

