

# Washington West Supervisory Union Model Policy

## Policy F30-R

### F30-R: TRUANCY

#### Policy

It is the policy of the member district schools of the Washington West Supervisory Union: Fayston Elementary School, Harwood Union High School, Moretown Elementary School, Waitsfield Elementary School, Warren Elementary School, and the Waterbury/Duxbury Union School District (Crossett Brook Middle School and Thatcher Brook Primary School) to set high expectations for consistent student school attendance in accordance with Vermont law in order to facilitate and enhance student learning.

In accordance with 16 V.S.A. §1121, Act 44, Section 46 (Truancy), and Vermont Department of Education guidelines (March 23rd, 2010 Memorandum), truancy is defined as a student who is subject to compulsory attendance and who is absent without valid cause or excuse for ten days.

Valid causes for absences include illness, observance of religious holiday, death in the family, family emergency, situations beyond the student's control as determined by the superintendent (or designee), or other circumstances which cause reasonable concern to the parent or guardian for the health or safety of the student and are confirmed in writing or verbally by the parent or guardian of the student.

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Legal Reference(s): 16 V.S.A. §1121, Act 44, Section 46 (Truancy)  
Cross Reference: Vermont Department of Education Guidelines (March 23, 2010 Memorandum)

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