



# Lake Local Schools

## Ohio Truancy and Attendance Law

Attention Lake Local Parents:

The Ohio State Legislature recently made significant changes to Ohio’s school attendance laws. This document will help to clarify those changes and how Lake Local Schools will respond regarding students with excessive absences or truancy concerns in accordance with House Bill 410. **Lake Local Schools recognizes that each child’s situation is unique and will continue to work with parents to best educate their children. We want to work with families to ensure each student has a positive and successful experience at Lake Local. We encourage you to communicate with us to assist in that process. We look forward to partnering together to ensure all students receive the best education possible.**

HB 410 states: The State of Ohio requires schools to address two areas of attendance; truancy and absenteeism.

**Habitual Truancy** refers to a child who fails to attend school **without** a legitimate excuse.

A child is habitually truant if he/she is absent from school for the following **without a legitimate excuse**:

- 30 consecutive hours (4.3 days)
- 42 hours in 1 month (6 days)
- 72 hours in 1 school year (10.3 days)

**A parent with a student that meets the criteria of habitually truant will be required to meet with school officials to develop an Absence Intervention Plan together to improve attendance habits.**

\*Failure to follow the Absence Intervention Plan may result in future juvenile court involvement.

The second area of attendance defined by HB 410 is **Absenteeism**. Excessive Absenteeism or Chronic Absenteeism is defined when a child fails to attend school **with or without a legitimate excuse**.

A child is **Excessive or Chronically Absent** if he/she is absent from school **with or without a legitimate excuse**:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Excessive Absenteeism</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 38 hours (5.4 days) in a month</li> <li>○ 65 hours (9.3 days) in a school year</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Chronic Absenteeism</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 92 hours (13.1 days) in a school year</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p><b><u>District Response</u></b></p> <p><b>Initial attendance letter</b></p> <p><b>Second attendance letter</b></p><br><p><b>Meeting with building administrator</b></p> <p><b>Requirement of medical documentation for absences</b></p> <p><b>Third attendance letter</b></p> |
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**Lake Local Board Policy defines legitimate excuse as:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal illness of the student</li> <li>• Illness in the student’s family</li> <li>• Death in the family</li> <li>• Quarantine for contagious disease</li> <li>• Observance of religious holiday</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College visitation</li> <li>• Medical/dental/court appointment</li> <li>• Child care for immediate family</li> <li>• Marriage in the family</li> <li>• As determined by the Superintendent</li> </ul> |
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