

Changes to Illinois Truancy Law

It is very important that students attend school consistently and regularly to ensure that they have the best school experience possible, both academically and socially.

With that in mind, please be aware that the state law regarding truancy has changed. Under the new law, students with 9 or more **unexcused absences** within 180 enrollment days are considered chronically truant -- not 18 absences as in past years.

Truancy is based on 180 enrollment days. The counting period for truancy does not start over at the beginning of the new school year.

Please refer to Page 18 of the Student Handbook for consequences of Chronic Truancy through school, police, and the court system.

The Student Handbook is available on the RBHS web page.

Finally, this change in the law does not affect excused absences due to illness or emergency situations.

Thank you for your continued support.