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If an absence has not been excused by the parent/guardian and the principal/designee, the student shall be considered truant. According to state law, a “habitual truant” shall be defined as a student of compulsory attendance age who has four or more unexcused absences from school or class in any one month or ten or more unexcused absences during any school year. Absences due to suspension or expulsion shall not be counted in the total of unexcused absences.

A student with excessive excused absences may also be considered truant if a reported illness cannot be verified or the reasons for the absences are not approved as excused by the administrator.

If a student’s attendance does not consistently improve after reasonable efforts by the school to contact and work collaboratively with parents/guardians or if a student and their parent/guardian fail to attend the scheduled Attendance Review Board meeting, proceedings shall begin for filing for truancy in Arapahoe or Adams County Truancy Court.

TRUANCY COURT

Court proceedings may be initiated to compel student and parent/guardian to comply with the school attendance law. Failure to comply with court orders may result in a contempt of court ruling, with appropriate sanctions designated by state law and the court. Sanctions may be as severe as a sentence for incarceration in a juvenile detention facility for the student and a fine or confinement in the county jail for the parent/guardian.

LEGAL REFS: C.R.S. 22-14-101
C.R.S. 22-33-104
C.R.S. 22-33-105
C.R.S. 22-33-107
1 CCR 301-67, Rule 2.01 (7)
1 CCR 301-78, Rule 1.00

CROSS REFS.: IHBG, Home Schooling
JE, Student Attendance
JFC, Student Withdrawal from School/Dropouts