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POLICY

It is the policy of the Seattle School Board that consistent attendance is essential to the Seattle Public Schools mission of academic achievement for every student in every school. Truant students miss critical instruction in key concepts, quickly fall behind in school, and are less likely to achieve academic success. Accordingly, school attendance is mandatory, and unexcused absences and truancy are prohibited within Seattle Public Schools. To combat unexcused absences and truancy, all Seattle Public Schools are dedicated to providing racially, culturally, and age appropriate interventions. Furthermore, all Seattle Public Schools are dedicated to increasing the meaningful involvement of parents in all aspects of their students' lives, including the reduction of truancy.

Seattle Public Schools believes that school-based interventions allow schools to tailor interventions to specific students, and allow parents to become directly involved in their student's school life. Additionally, centrally-based interventions are an important supplement to school-based interventions. Generally, judicial action will be the final intervention utilized.

Reference: RCW 28A.225 Compulsory School Attendance & Admission

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