

Procedures for Enforcing School Attendance

Definitions

Compulsory school age shall mean the period of a child's life from the time the child's parents/guardians elect to have the child enter school, which shall not be later than the age of six (6) years, until the age of eighteen (18) years. The term shall not include any child who holds a certificate of graduation from a regularly accredited senior high school.

Truant shall mean having incurred three (3) or more school days or their equivalent of unexcused absences during the current school year by a child subject to compulsory school attendance. Once the amount of time missed due to both unexcused tardiness and unexcused early dismissals equals the amount of instructional time in a school day, that accumulated time shall be considered an unexcused absence.

Habitually truant shall mean having incurred six (6) or more school days or their equivalent of unexcused absences during the current school year by a child subject to compulsory school attendance.

Tardy shall mean arrival at school after the start of instructional time.

Early dismissal shall mean leaving school prior to the end of instructional time.

Person in parental relation shall mean (1) a custodial biological or adoptive parent; (2) a noncustodial biological or adoptive parent; (3) guardian of the person of a child; or (4) a person with whom a child lives and who is acting in a parental role of a child.

School attendance improvement conference shall mean a conference where the child's absences and reasons for the absences are examined in an effort to improve attendance, with or without additional services. The following individuals shall be invited to the conference: (1) the child; (2) the child's person in parental relation; (3) other individuals identified by the person in parental relation who may be a resource; (4) appropriate school personnel; and (5) recommended service providers.

School-based or community-based attendance improvement program shall mean a program designed to improve school attendance by seeking to identify and address the underlying reasons for a child's absences. The term may include an educational assessment in an alternative education program, provided the program does not include a program for disruptive youth.

Attendance Officers

Attendance officers are in charge of enforcing the provisions of the Pennsylvania School Code regarding compulsory attendance for their individual schools. At the elementary school levels, principals or their designee(s) shall be the attendance officers for their individual schools.

At the middle school and high school levels, assistant principals designated by the principals or their designee(s) shall be the attendance officers for their individual schools.

Attendance Officers possess powers and responsibilities including but not limited to:

1. Tracking student attendance.
2. Communicating with parents/guardians regarding truancy.
3. Coordinating, attending and participating in school attendance improvement conferences and documenting the outcome of the conference in a written school attendance improvement plan in accordance with the guidelines contained herein.
4. Filing truancy citations in the Magisterial District Court when necessary.
5. Attending court procedures related to truancy and presenting truancy cases in court.
6. Requesting the Magisterial District Court to subpoena any school staff member as a witness in order to prove the District's truancy case.
7. Referring habitually truant children to a school-based or community-based attendance improvement program or to the Chester County Office of Children and Youth for services when appropriate and/or required or permitted by law.
8. Full police power without warrant, and may arrest or apprehend any child who fails to attend school in violation of compulsory attendance.
9. If an arrest or apprehension takes place, the Attendance Officer must promptly notify the parent/guardian and place the child in school.
10. Authority to inspect places where children are employed and inspect employment certificates.

If a discovery is made that any child of compulsory school age is unable to attend school due to the lack of necessary clothing or food, the case must be reported to any suitable relief agency operating in the District or to the proper County board of assistance for investigation and relief.

Unexcused Absences

All absences shall be treated as unexcused until the District receives a written excuse explaining the reason for an absence. Parents/guardians may submit excuses as follows:

- 1) written note signed by a parent/guardian; or
- 2) email from a parent/guardian's email account as designated by the parent/guardian.

The mere fact that a parent/guardian has written an excuse note does not mean the absence is excused. Reasons for absence of a doubtful nature are subject to administrative review.

Excused Absences

Attendance need not always be within school facilities. A student will be considered in attendance if present at any place where school is in session by authority of the Board, the student is receiving approved tutorial instruction, or health or therapeutic services; the student is engaged in an approved and properly supervised independent study, work-study, career education or District-sponsored cyber program; or the student is receiving approved homebound instruction.

A student absence is considered excused under the following circumstances:

- 1) When the student is prevented from attendance for mental, physical, or other urgent reasons such as:
 - Illness
 - Family Emergency
 - Death of a Family Member
 - Medical or Dental Appointments
 - Authorized School Activities
 - Educational Travel with Prior Approval (Maximum 20 school days per school year) (See Attachment 1)
 - Pre-approved religious instruction (limit 36 hours per year)
 - Bona Fide Religious Holiday
 - For purposes of receiving tutorial instruction in a field not offered in the District's curricula, when the excusal does not interfere with the student's regular program of studies, the qualifications of the tutor or instructor are satisfactory to the Superintendent or designee, and permission for such excusal is sought in writing by the parent/guardian of the child in advance of the commencement of such tutoring
 - Participation in a musical performance in conjunction with a national veterans' organization or incorporated unit for an event or funeral. The national veterans' organization or incorporated unit must provide the student with note in advance of the absence indicating the date, location and time of the event or funeral.
- 2) When the student is required to leave school for the purposes of attending court hearings related to their involvement with the county children and youth agency or juvenile probation office.
- 3) If the student is absent due to participation in a project sponsored by an organization that is eligible to apply for a grant under the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act.

- 4) If a student is dismissed from school during school hours for health-related reasons by a certified school nurse, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse or a school administrator or designee employed by the District.
- 5) For the purpose of obtaining professional health care or therapy service rendered by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts in any state, commonwealth or territory.
- 6) If a student whose parent or legal guardian has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or is immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, with regard to school attendance, tests and extra-curricular or cocurricular activities, at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, no penalties shall be imposed for absences of up to five (5) days. Teachers shall assist students in making up work caused by such absences.
- 7) Where the Superintendent has approved an attendance plan necessitated by rare and extraordinary circumstances. In this context, “rare” means typically no more than 1 or 2 per year District-wide and “extraordinary circumstances” means the student is engaged in a profession or activity at a nationally recognized level.

Ten Consecutive Absences

Students who miss ten consecutive school days shall be deemed withdrawn from membership unless the school is provided with evidence that the absences are excused or the school is pursuing compulsory attendance prosecution. The District shall conduct a thorough investigation before removing a student with 10 consecutive absences from active membership. The investigation should document efforts by the District to contact the student's parent or guardian.

Policy Notification

Parents/guardians shall be given copies of the District's attendance Policy and Administrative Regulations upon request. District attendance information, including the Policy, Administrative Regulations, and other documents will be posted on the District's website.

School Responses and Procedures for Unexcused Absences

Parents/guardians and students shall submit the required excuse within three (3) school days of the absence. If written verification of the reason for absence is not received within three (3) school days of the absence, the absence will be counted towards the calculation of unexcused absences for purposes of reporting truancy. The absence may be reclassified if a valid excuse note is forthcoming within ten (10) school days from the date of the absence. A maximum of ten days of cumulative excused absences for illness verified by parental/guardian notification may be permitted during a school year. Absences for illness beyond ten cumulative school days shall require an excuse from a healthcare provider familiar with the student who may not be the student's parent/guardian. The Attendance Officer or designee may waive the requirement for an excuse from a healthcare provider due to a student's or family's extenuating

circumstances upon presentation of other satisfactory evidence of mental, physical, or other urgent reasons for nonattendance. The Attendance Officer shall maintain documentation of the reason for granting the waiver in order to ensure consistency in the application of this regulation.

When a child is absent from school, the Attendance Officer or designee will send a notice via email to the parents/guardians in the form set forth in Attachment 1. For parents/guardians with no designated email address, Attachment 2 & 3 will be mailed to the parent or guardian.

Student Make-up Work After Absence

It shall be the responsibility of secondary students to contact their teachers to make up work missed for excused absence. Teachers shall cooperate with the students to assist them in making up work after the students have contacted them. In the case of elementary school children who have excused absences, the responsibility for making up work shall be jointly shared by the teacher and the student.

In cases where students have been unlawfully absent, a decision to permit them to make up work missed shall be determined in advance by the principal and faculty of each school building. However, once the procedure has been determined by the local principal and faculty, it shall be applied consistently to all children with unlawful absences in that school.

Third Unexcused Absence

Within ten (10) school days of a child of compulsory school age's third unexcused absence, including any absence that is the result of accumulated unexcused tardiness and unexcused early dismissals, the Attendance Officer shall send an Official Notice of Truancy. (See Attachment 4). Included in this notice shall be a description of the consequences if the child becomes habitually truant. This notice may include the offer of a school attendance improvement conference, and shall be in the mode and language of communication preferred by the person in parental relation to the child. When transmitted to a person who is not the biological or adoptive parent, such notice shall also be provided to the child's biological or adoptive parent if the parent's mailing address is on file with the school and the parent is not precluded from receiving the information by court order.

Continued Absenteeism

If a child of compulsory school age continues to incur unexcused absences after the issuance of the Official Notice of Truancy, the school shall then schedule a school attendance improvement conference, unless a conference was previously held following the Official Notice of Truancy. (See Attachment 5). The following shall apply with respect to a school attendance improvement conference:

- There is no legal requirement that the child or person in parental relation attend the conference, and the conference shall occur even if the person in

parental relation declines to participate or fails to attend the scheduled conference after advance written notice and attempts to communicate via telephone.

- The outcome of the conference shall be documented in a written school attendance improvement plan, on the template provided by the Department of Education for this purpose.
- Further legal action may not be taken to address unexcused absences by the child until after the date for the scheduled school attendance improvement conference has passed.

The District shall not expel or impose out-of-school suspension, disciplinary reassignment or transfer for truant behavior.

Procedure for Addressing Habitually Truant Children

When a child is habitually truant and under fifteen (15) years of age at the time of referral, the school:

- i. Shall refer the child to either (1) a school-based or community-based attendance improvement program or (2) the Chester County Office of Children and Youth for services or possible disposition as a dependent child; and
- ii. May file a citation in the office of the magisterial district judge having jurisdiction in the region against the person in parental relation who resides in the same household as the child. The venue for the filing of such a citation shall be based on the location of the school in which the child is enrolled or shall be enrolled.

When a child is habitually truant and fifteen (15) years of age or older at the time of referral, the school shall either

- i. Refer the child to a school-based or community-based attendance improvement program or service; or
- ii. File a citation in the office of the magisterial district judge having jurisdiction in the region against the child or the person in parental relation who resides in the same household as the child. The venue for the filing of such a citation shall be based on the location of the school in which the child is enrolled or shall be enrolled.

If a child of compulsory school age who is fifteen (15) years of age or older continues to incur additional unexcused absences after being referred to a school-based or community-based attendance improvement program or fails to participate in the such a program as recommended through the school attendance improvement conference, the school may refer the child to the Chester County Office of Children and Youth for possible disposition as a dependent child.

When referring a habitually truant child to the Chester County Office of Children and Youth or filing a citation with the magisterial district judge having jurisdiction over the region, the school shall provide verification that a school attendance improvement conference was held.

No citation may be filed against a child or a person in parental relation with the child who resides in the same household as the child for a subsequent violation of school attendance if any of the following circumstances apply:

- A proceeding is already pending against the child or person in parental relation with the child who resides in the same household as the child and judgment in the first proceeding has not yet been entered, unless a warrant has been issued for failure of the child or person in parental relation to appear before the court and the warrant has not yet been served.
- A referral for services has been made to the Chester County Office of Children and Youth, the agency has not closed the case and the District has not consulted with the Chester County Office of Children and Youth prior to filing the petition.
- A petition has been filed alleging the child is dependent due to being habitually truant and the case remains under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court.

Exempt from Compulsory Education

Pennsylvania School Code section 1330 states that a 16-year-old student who is regularly engaged in any useful and lawful employment or service during the time the public schools are in session, and who holds an employment certificate issued according to the law is exempt from compulsory attendance. In order to be a student who is exempt from compulsory education, the student must be 16 years of age or older and must be engaged in useful and lawful employment or service for 40 hours per week or more.

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Attachment 1

REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

As defined in the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Administrative Regulation 5113, an excused absence may be granted for pre-approved educational travel.

If you wish to request that your child be excused from school for educational travel that is five (5) school days or less in duration, please complete this form and return it to your child's building principal at least two (2) weeks prior to the absence. Absences that will exceed five (5) school days require the additional approval of the Superintendent or designee. The maximum number of days that may be excused for educational travel in a given school year is twenty (20). Any school days missed beyond twenty (20) in a given year for educational travel will be deemed unexcused.

The granting of an excused absence for educational travel does not assure a passing grade for any subject/course of study. The responsibility for the completion of all assignment/assessments missed during the period of absence rests entirely with the individual student. This request constitutes a commitment on the part of the student to contact each of their teachers to arrange for the completion of assignments following the trip. Teachers are not required to provide work prior to the trip, and there should be no expectation that this will occur.

Date: _____ School: _____ Homeroom: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Telephone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Full Address: _____

Dates of Absences: _____ Number of School Days: _____

Destination: _____

Who Will be Responsible for the Student(s) During the Absence? _____

Educational Value of Trip: (Attach Additional Sheets if Needed) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

For Office Use Only

Principal Approval

_____ Approved _____ Denied

Principal Signature _____ Date _____

Comments:

Superintendent/Designee Approval (Absences Exceeding 5 School Days)

_____ Approved _____ Denied

Superintendent or Designee Signature _____ Date _____

Comments:

Attachment 2

(Send on day of absence)

To the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of:
«first_name_of_student» «last_name_of_student»

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED

RE: Student Absence

Grade of Student: «grade»

Date of Absence: «absence_details_for_the_letter»

This letter is to advise you that your child was marked absent from school on the date indicated above. Pursuant to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113, all absences are categorized as UNEXCUSED until the District receives a written excuse substantiating a valid reason for the absence. You may provide this excuse by doing one of the following:

- Reply to this email and check the appropriate excuse below, or
- Complete and return this form to your child’s school.

This letter is being sent to the designated parent/guardian email accounts for your child, but only one response with an excuse is needed.

For reply:

My child was absent on the above date because of:

- ___ **Illness**
- ___ **Family Emergency**
- ___ **Death of a Family Member**
- ___ **Medical or Dental Appointments**
- ___ **Authorized School Activities**
- ___ **Educational Travel with Prior Approval**
- ___ **Pre-approved Religious Instruction (limit 36 hours per year)**
- ___ **Bona Fide Religious Holiday**
- ___ **Approved Tutorial Instruction**
- ___ **Other: _____**

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

(Signature not required if emailed from designated email address)

Pennsylvania law requires the District to track student attendance and report truancy to designated state and local agencies in accordance with a designated timeline. In order to prevent the initiation of formal truancy proceedings, the District appreciates your prompt attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child’s school.

School Attendance Office:
School Name:
School Attendance Email Address:

Attachment 3 (Send on day of final tardy or early dismissal leading up to an unexcused absence)

To the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of:

«first_name_of_student» «last_name_of_student»

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED

RE: Student Absence Due To Unexcused Missed Instructional Time

Grade of Student: «grade»

Dates of Unexcused Tardiness and/or Unexcused Early Dismissals: «Tardy dates and times»

This letter is to advise you that the amount of instructional time your child has missed due to accumulated unexcused late arrivals, unexcused early dismissals, or both on the dates indicated above adds up to a full day of missed instructional time. Pursuant to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113, if a student misses the equivalent of a full day of instructional time due to unexcused late arrivals and/or unexcused early dismissals, that accumulated time is counted as an UNEXCUSED ABSENCE until the District receives a written excuse substantiating a valid reason for one or more of the late arrivals and/or early dismissals listed above. You may provide this excuse by doing one of the following:

- Reply to this email and check the appropriate excuse below, or
- Complete and return this form to your child’s school.

This letter is being sent to the designated parent/guardian email accounts for your child, but only one response with an excuse is needed.

For reply:

My child was either tardy or dismissed early on the following date(s) because of:

- Date(s):** _____ **Illness**
- Date(s):** _____ **Family Emergency**
- Date(s):** _____ **Death of a Family Member**
- Date(s):** _____ **Medical or Dental Appointments**
- Date(s):** _____ **Authorized School Activities**
- Date(s):** _____ **Educational Travel with Prior Approval**
- Date(s):** _____ **Pre-approved Religious Instruction (limit 36 hours per year)**
- Date(s):** _____ **Bona Fide Religious Holiday**
- Date(s):** _____ **Approved Tutorial Instruction**
- Date(s):** _____ **Other:** _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

(Signature not required if emailed from designated email address)

Pennsylvania law requires the District to track student attendance and report truancy to designated state and local agencies in accordance with a designated timeline. In order to prevent the initiation of formal truancy proceedings, the District appreciates your prompt attention to this matter.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child’s school.

School Attendance Office:

School Name:

School Attendance Email Address:

Attachment 4 3rd Unexcused Absence

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

To the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of:

«first_name_of_student» «last_name_of_student»
«guardian_apartment_complex» «guardian_apartment_number»
«guardian_lot_number» «guardian_street_name»
«guardian_city», «guardian_state» «guardian_zip_code»
«guardian_title» «first_name_of_guardian» «last_name_of_guardian»

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF TRUANCY

Dear «guardian_title» «first_name_of_guardian» «last_name_of_guardian»:

This letter is to officially notify you «first_name_of_student» «last_name_of_student» has been absent from school without a valid excuse on the following dates:
«absence_details_for_the_letter»

Since your child is of compulsory school age and has accumulated three (3) unexcused absences from school, in accordance with Pennsylvania law, they are now considered truant, and in violation of the compulsory attendance provision of the Pennsylvania Public School Code (24 P.S. 13-1327).

Regular attendance at school is an important part of every student's success and is necessary in order to gain the greatest benefit from the educational experience. Students who are frequently absent from school miss direct instruction and regular contact with their teachers. At this time, you are strongly encouraged to contact me to schedule a school attendance improvement conference to discuss your child's absences and the underlying cause/reasons for the absences with the goal of improving your child's school attendance.

Please understand that if your child becomes habitually truant as defined in Pennsylvania law, the District is required to refer your child to either a school-based or community-based attendance improvement program or to the Chester County Office of Children and Youth for services or possible disposition as a dependent child. A citation may also be filed against you and/or your child in the office of the local magisterial district judge for prosecution. Consequences stemming from truancy proceedings before the local magisterial district judge can include fines, community service, loss of driving privileges, required completion of a course or program designed to improve school attendance, or jail time.

If you have any questions, please call my office at <PHONE> or the school counselor's office at <PHONE> so that we may work together to ensure «first_name_of_student» «last_name_of_student»'s educational success

Sincerely,

Assistant Principal/Attendance Officer

Enclosure: 24 P.S. Sec. 1333.3- (Penalties for Violation of Compulsory Attendance Requirements)
Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 5113 (w/o Attachments)

cc: Attendance Officer Attendance Coordinator
Principal Mental Health Specialist
School Counselor Student File

[TO BE INCLUDED WITH ATTACHMENTS 4 AND 5]

24 PA Statute

Section 1333.3- Penalties for Violation of Compulsory School Attendance Requirements

(a) A person convicted of an offense under this article may be:

(1) sentenced to pay a fine for the benefit of the school that is responsible for the truancy proceedings in an amount not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300) together with court costs except that, in the case of a second offense, the maximum fine for a person in parental relation may be a higher amount within their ability to pay not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) together with court costs and, in the case of a third or subsequent offense, the maximum fine for a person in parental relation may be a higher amount within their ability to pay not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) together with court costs;

(2) sentenced to perform community service; or

(3) required to complete an appropriate course or program designed to improve school attendance which has been approved by the president judge of the judicial district.

(b) The court may suspend the sentence of a person convicted of an offense and may remit or waive fines and costs if the child attends school in accordance with a plan devised by the court.

(c) A person convicted of an offense under this article shall have a right to appeal de novo to a court of common pleas of the proper county within thirty (30) days of the conviction. After thirty (30) days, the appeal shall proceed similar to other appeals of summary convictions.

(d) No citation may be filed against a child or a person in parental relation with the child who resides in the same household as the child for a subsequent violation of compulsory school attendance if any of the following circumstances apply:

(1) A proceeding is already pending under sections 1333.1 and 1333.2 against the child or a person in parental relation with the child who resides in the same household as the child and judgment in the first proceeding has not yet been entered, unless a warrant has been issued for failure of the child or person in parental relation to appear before the court and the warrant has not yet been served.

(2) A referral for services has been made to the county children and youth agency under this subdivision, the agency has not closed the case and the educational entity has not consulted with the county children and youth agency prior to filing the petition.

(3) A petition has been filed alleging the child is dependent due to being habitually truant under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to juvenile matters) and the case remains under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

(e) Upon a second or subsequent conviction of a child or a person in parental relation with the child who resides in the same household as the child for a violation of the requirements of compulsory school attendance in a court within this Commonwealth within a three-year period, the court shall refer the child for services or possible disposition as a dependent child under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63.

(f) Upon failure of a person to satisfy the penalty imposed by the court under subsection (a), the person in parental relation may be found in contempt of court and, upon conviction, may be sentenced to the county jail for a period not to exceed three (3) days in any one case. The court shall make such a determination based on specific finding that the person in parental relation had reasonable ability to comply with the penalty imposed and that noncompliance was willful. The following shall apply:

(1) In the case of a child, the failure to satisfy a fine or costs imposed under this section shall not be considered a delinquent act.

(2) The president judge of a judicial district may adopt a local policy under 42 Pa.C.S. § 6304 (relating to powers and duties of probation officers) and the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure to provide that a juvenile probation officer may receive allegations that the child who fails to satisfy a fine or costs imposed under this section is dependent for the purpose of considering the commencement of proceedings under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63.

(g) (1) If a child is convicted of a violation of the compulsory school attendance requirements of this article, the court may send the Department of Transportation a certified record of the conviction on a form prescribed by the department only if the child fails to comply with a lawful sentence entered for the violation and is not subject to an exception to compulsory attendance under section 1330.

(2) The Department of Transportation shall suspend for ninety (90) days the operating privilege of a child upon receiving a certified record that the child was convicted of a summary offense under the compulsory school attendance requirements of this article. If the Department of Transportation receives a certified record of a second or subsequent conviction of a child pursuant to this section, the department shall suspend the child's operating privilege for six (6) months.

(3) A child whose record is received by the Department of Transportation under this section and who does not have a driver's license shall be ineligible to apply for a driver's license under 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 1505 (relating to learners' permits) and 1507 (relating to application for driver's license or learner's permit by minor) for the time period specified in paragraph (2). If the child is under sixteen (16) years of age when convicted, suspension of operating privileges shall commence in accordance with 75 Pa.C.S. § 1541 (relating to period of disqualification, revocation or suspension of operating privilege) for the time specified in paragraph (2).

(4) A child whose driving privileges have been suspended or whose eligibility for a permit or license is delayed under this section may have that license or eligibility restored by providing the Department of Transportation with a form developed by the Department of Transportation containing the following information in the form of a certified record from the child's school that the child:

(i) has attended school for a period of at least two (2) months after the first conviction or four (4) months after the second conviction without an unexcused absence or unexcused tardy;

(ii) is subject to an exception to compulsory attendance under section 1330; or

(iii) graduates, withdraws from school pursuant to compulsory attendance requirements under section 1327, receives a general education diploma or enlists in the military.

(5) An insurer may not increase premiums, impose a surcharge or rate penalty, make a driver record point assignment for automobile insurance or cancel or refuse to renew an automobile insurance policy on account of a suspension under this section.

(6) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a child who is convicted of a violation of the compulsory school attendance requirements of this article from being eligible for an occupational limited license under 75 Pa.C.S. § 1553 (relating to occupational limited license).

(h) (1) Upon application from a child who has a conviction of a summary offense under section 1333.2, the court shall grant an expungement of the conviction from the child's record if all of the following apply:

(i) The child has earned a high school diploma, a Commonwealth secondary school diploma or another Department of Education-approved equivalent or is subject to an exception to compulsory attendance under section 1330.

(ii) The child has satisfied any sentence imposed by the court with respect to the conviction, including payment of fines and costs.

(2) If the court grants an expungement under paragraph (1), the court shall order the Department of Transportation to expunge all administrative records related to the convictions.

(i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to a parent, guardian or person in parental relation whose child or children are in a home education program under section 1327.1.

(ii) (Reserved)

Attachment 5 After 3rd Unexcused Absence To Schedule School Attendance Improvement Conference (Unless A Conference Was Previously Held Following Official Notice of Truancy)

To the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of:

«first_name_of_student» «last_name_of_student»
«guardian_apartment_complex» «guardian_apartment_number»
«guardian_lot_number» «guardian_street_name»
«guardian_city», «guardian_state» «guardian_zip_code»
«guardian_title» «first_name_of_guardian» «last_name_of_guardian»

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

Dear «guardian_title» «first_name_of_guardian» «last_name_of_guardian»:

This letter is to officially notify you that «first_name_of_student» «last_name_of_student» has been absent from school without a valid excuse on the following dates:

«absence_details_for_the_letter»

These absences are unexcused and, because your child is of compulsory school age, constitute a violation of the compulsory attendance provision of the Pennsylvania Public School Code (24 P.S. 13-1327). On _____ (DATE), you were advised via an Official Notice of Truancy that your child is now considered truant in accordance with Pennsylvania law. Since your child has incurred at least one additional unexcused absence since the issuance of the Official Notice of Truancy, and since a school attendance improvement conference has not yet been held, this letter is to advise you that such a conference is required to be scheduled by law. The conference is scheduled to take place on _____ at _____ o'clock and will be located at _____. If you have any questions or are unable to attend the conference at the scheduled time and would like to have the conference rescheduled to a more convenient time, please contact me as soon as possible. Additional information regarding school attendance improvement conferences is contained in the enclosed Administrative Regulation 5113 (Procedures for Enforcing School Attendance).

Please understand that if your child continues to be absent from school without a proper excuse, and becomes habitually truant as defined in Pennsylvania law, the District is required to refer your child to either a school-based or community-based attendance improvement program or to the Chester County Office of Children and Youth for services or possible disposition as a dependent child. A citation may also be filed against you and/or your child in the office of the local magisterial district judge for prosecution. Consequences stemming from truancy proceedings before the local magisterial district judge can include fines, community service, loss of driving privileges, required completion of a course or program designed to improve school attendance, or jail time.

If you have any questions, please call my office at <PHONE> or the school counselor's office at <PHONE> so that we may work together to ensure «first_name_of_student» «last_name_of_student»'s educational success

Sincerely,

Assistant Principal/Attendance Officer

Enclosure: 24 P.S. Sec. 1333.3- (Penalties for Violation of Compulsory Attendance Requirements)
Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 5113 (w/o Attachments)