

Introduction & Law

Michigan State Compulsory School Attendance Act MCL 380.1561

- ◆ Every parent, guardian or other person in charge of a child between 6-18 years of age must send the child to school.
- ◆ The child's attendance must be continuous and consecutive for the entire school year.
- ◆ The Genesee County Attendance Liaison Officer becomes involved in cases where a child is repeatedly absent and the school's efforts to improve the child's attendance are unsuccessful.

**YOU AND YOUR CHILD MAY BE
REFERRED TO:**

◆ **Genesee County Attendance Court:**



Judge Duncan Beagle oversees this court which requires the parent and child to appear weekly, in an effort to ensure the child's school attendance and avoid further contact with the court system.

◆ **Project Chalkboard:**

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton partners with schools and local police in an effort to combat truancy by holding the parents and guardians responsible for their child's attendance at school. Under Michigan Law, a parent or guardian who fails to comply by sending their child to school is guilty of crime punishable by a fine and/or jail time.

Parental Responsibility

- ◆ Work with your child's school if any attendance problems arise. We are here to help.
- ◆ Get your child to school every day, on time.



- ◆ Attend all parent/teacher conferences.
- ◆ Encourage your child to participate in after school activities.
- ◆ Contact the school if your child is absent or tardy.
- ◆ Notify the school if you are moving or must move into transitional housing.

School Responsibility

- ◆ Work with parents/guardians in order to improve attendance.
- ◆ Meet with the student/parent regarding attendance issues.
- ◆ Offer the services of school counselors and/or other staff to encourage and support the student's needs. These efforts may include mental health screenings, testing for special education services, alternative education options, parenting classes and other services which will help your child regularly attend school.
- ◆ Make every effort to resolve attendance issues as soon as problems begin.
- ◆ Follow the GISD Attendance Intervention Procedures. Comply with state law regarding attendance issues. This may include referral to Attendance Court or Project Chalkboard.
- ◆ The Genesee Intermediate School District Attendance Liaison Officer is available to facilitate and guide school districts, parents and students through mediation processes.



Your Child's Success... is our goal!



Left unchecked, truancy is a risk factor for serious juvenile delinquency and is often followed by progressively more serious behavioral and adjustment problems in adulthood. 87% of the current prison population has a history of truancy.

Students who regularly attend school are more likely to graduate. High School grads earn an income 67% higher than non-graduates. Full-time workers who get a high school diploma or GED are 37.5% less likely to be unemployed than workers with less education.

Beyond the financial benefits of a high school diploma, students can gain confidence, self-discipline, citizenship and leadership, working through the completion of this most basic educational requirement.

A high school diploma is more than a piece of paper—it is a path to a brighter future for your child!

RESOURCES

Genesee Health Systems

(810) 257-3740

www.genhs.org

Children's Protective Services

Department of Health and Human Services

1-855-444-3911

www.mi.gov/dhs

Mott Children's Health Center

(810) 767-5750

www.mottchc.org

Community Resolution Center

(810) 249-2619

www.mediation-crc.org

Genesee Intermediate School District

Center for Countywide Programs

(810) 591-5603

www.geneseeisd.org

REACH

(810) 233-8700

www.reach-traverseplace.org



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The Attendance Task Force

is a collaboration of

Genesee County Schools, law enforcement, courts and human service agencies whose mission is to enforce the Michigan Compulsory Attendance Act to promote regular, daily attendance.

ATTENDING SCHOOL



Makes All The Difference

Genesee County Attendance Task Force

*Your information guide
to Resources, Services and Programs
promoting regular, daily attendance
for Genesee County students*

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