

Dear Parents,

Recently, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 410. This bill was developed to support and encourage a preventative approach to excessive absences and truancy. You will notice several changes to policies within the Buckeye Local School District. Districts with chronic absenteeism rates of 5% or greater must establish intervention teams for students who are habitually truant.

Two common terms you may hear in reference to absenteeism are “Habitual” Truant and “Excessive” Absence.

- “Habitual” Truant is defined when a student is absent 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse, 42 or more in one school month without a legitimate excuse, or 72 or more hours in a school year without a legitimate excuse.
- “Excessive” Absences is when a student is absent **with or without** a legitimate excuse for 38 or more hours in a month or when a student is absent 65 or more hours in one school year.

Once a child passes either of these two thresholds, the respective building will be in contact with family members about required additional steps that the district is responsible for initiating with parents of children.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the Buckeye Local School District at 740-769-7395 or by contacting your local building.