

LAMOILLE VALLEY SCHOOLS (LNSU, LSSU, OSSU) COMMON POLICY FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE / TRUANCY POLICY

It is the policy of (enter school's/district's name) to set high expectations for consistent student school attendance in accordance with Vermont law (V.S.A. Title 16, Chapter 25) in order to facilitate and enhance student learning.

Introduction:

Vermont Law (Title 16. Section 1121) requires children between the ages of 6 and 16 to attend a public school. In addition to the legal responsibility, regular school attendance is important for a number of other reasons. First, it is critical to the academic and social/emotional growth of all children. Second, regular and punctual attendance fosters the development of responsible and effective work/study habits. Finally, education is a responsibility shared by individual students, families, schools and communities. Clear expectations regarding student attendance support this shared responsibility (exceptions to this statute as per Title 16. Sections 1121 & 1123).

Responsibilities:

Parents/Guardians

It is the responsibility of a child's parent or guardian to cause their children to attend and participate in school on a regular basis. It is also their responsibility to provide written notification of a child's absence. It is helpful to provide this notice in advance whenever possible and is clearly in the interest of good home-school communication.

School and District

The principal or designee will make a reasonable effort to contact and work with parents/guardians to implement necessary supports to have children attend school on a regular basis. The principal or designee will document all student absences and will determine the thresholds for interventions as described in the Lamoille Valley Truancy Protocol. The superintendent shall seek corroboration of mental or physical unfitness to attend school when appropriate (Title 16. Section 1124).