

TRUANCY OFFICER

The board will appoint a licensed employee from each school building to serve as the building's truancy officer.

The principal will notify the truancy officer when a student is truant. The truancy officer will investigate the cause of a student's truancy and attempt to ensure the student's attendance. The truancy officer may take the student into custody. A student taken into custody will be placed in the custody of the principal. The truancy officer will attempt to contact the student's parents when the student is taken into custody.

NOTE: School districts are not required to have a truancy officer. School districts that do not have a truancy officer must assign the duties to another individual--for example, the building principals. This policy can be eliminated if there is no truancy officer.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 299.10-.11, .15.

Cross Reference: 501.10 Truancy - Unexcused Absences

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