

**Board Policy**

The Board of Trustees of Shelley Joint School District No. 60 acknowledges that truancy from school and classes causes disruption to the learning environment, is in violation of the State of Idaho Compulsory Attendance law, and often prevents appropriate supervision of truant students.

**Suggested Implementation Guidelines**

- A. DEFINITION – Truant. Any student who is absent from school or class without proper authorization. An absence is judged to be a truancy by a principal or designee. Truancies are unexcused absences.
- B. PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING TRUANCY.
1. The following steps will be taken by the school administrator and/or teacher upon truancy absences during any one school year:
    - a) First Truancy – The parents/guardian will be notified of the truancy by the appropriate school personnel. After the notice, more severe action may be taken if deemed necessary.
    - b) Second Truancy – A meeting will occur with the building principal counselor and/ or social worker and student. Disciplinary action such as detention or in-school suspension may be administered.
    - c) Third Truancy – A suspension will occur. The length of time of suspension will be determined by the principal.
      - 1) A student who has not reached the age of sixteen (16) may be referred directly to court for habitual truancy, with notification to the Superintendent and the student’s parent or guardian.
      - 2) A student who is sixteen (16) years of age or older and who demonstrates habitual truancy and poor academic performance will be counseled by the school principal or representative. The student will be suspended. The length of suspension time to be determined by the principal. The student may be placed in an alternative environment. Options could include a referral to Independence High School in Blackfoot or an the alternative school.

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- 3) A student may appeal the principal's decision to the Superintendent in accordance to the grievance policy number 408.70 commencing with level 2.
- 4) Any student having six (6) or more truancies and is recommended for expulsion, must have the decision reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools. If he/she determines that expulsion should be considered, the Superintendent will place the matter before the Board of Trustees at the next regular or special Board Meeting. Action by the Board will be final.

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