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Parents/guardians must notify the school of their child's absence at the start of the school day or when absence is known. Notification may be personal contact, phone call, or written communication. The Neenah Joint School District will attempt to notify parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student's truancy on the day the unexcused absence occurred.

The Neenah Joint School District believes that the primary purpose of schooling is for students to learn and be successful. In order for students to learn, they must attend school on a consistent basis. Attendance will be monitored for all students at the end of each grading period. A letter will be sent home with the child's report card to indicate truancy. If a student is showing patterns of a habitual truant prior to the end of a quarter, a letter will be sent home when attendance concerns arise.

What does it mean to be truant? As defined in Wis. Stats. 118.16, a student who is absent from school without a valid excuse for all or part of five days in one school semester is considered truant. A student is also considered truant if absent for part or all of ten or more days, excused and unexcused combined. After 10 plus absences, excused and unexcused combined, the school may request a medical excuse. A medical excuse is a written statement on letterhead or prescription form from a physician that excuses your child from school for medical reasons that are being addressed.

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential in the education of children. We share your concern about your child's success in school. Please feel free to contact the school office if you have questions about the school attendance law.

Sincerely,

Diane Luft, Principal