

House Bill 410 became law in the state of Ohio in April 2017. This new law specifically addresses student attendance and lays out procedures all schools must follow when students meet certain non-attendance triggers. In addition, attendance will now be monitored on an hourly basis and not a daily basis.

I. House Bill 410 Highlights:

- A. All bases for measuring student attendance will be based on the number of hours, not days, the student is in attendance at their home school building. One school day is now equivalent to 6.5 hours at the middle and high schools and 6.0 hours at the elementary schools. HB 410 also states a student in K-6 will need 910 total hours, a student in 7-12 will need 1001 total hours per school year.
- B. School attendance officer will notify a child's parent, guardian, or custodian if a child is absent *with or without* legitimate excuse for 38 or more hours in one school month, or 65 hours in one school year. This notice will be made in writing and will include a truancy intervention plan.
- C. A student is considered "habitually truant" when absent for 30 or more consecutive hours, 42 or more hours in one school month, or 72 or more hours in a school year without legitimate excuse and will be assigned to the absence intervention team (AIT).
- D. The AIT will develop a plan in order to reduce or eliminate future absences. Parents are mandated to be a part of the attendance intervention process and team along with the Attendance Officer from the school, guidance counselor and additional school personnel as needed.
- E. Attendance office is required to file a complaint with the juvenile court no later than 61 days after the implementation of the plan if the student fails to comply with the plan developed by the AIT.

For additional information please contact your building administrator.