

**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, IN AND FOR  
YAKIMA COUNTY, JUVENILE DIVISION**

In re the Truancy of:

_____ Student, born _____ _____ Yakima School District, Petitioner, _____ Parent/Guardian, and _____ Parent/Guardian.	Cause No. _____  <b>TRUANCY PETITION (PT)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Translator needed for language _____
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**The above-named School District alleges that:**

**1.1** \_\_\_\_\_ ("Student"), age \_\_\_\_\_, resides at \_\_\_\_\_  
and is enrolled at the \_\_\_\_\_ school.

Student's identifying information: Gender:  Male  Female Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

**1.2** The Parents or Guardians of the Student are \_\_\_\_\_  
who reside at \_\_\_\_\_

**1.3** The Student has had \_\_\_\_\_ days of "unexcused absences" from school during the current school year.

In calculating this number, the Student is considered "absent" if the student misses:

- the majority of hours or periods in an average school day.
- the amount of time specified in a more restrictive School District policy. That School

District policy is: Seven tardies constitute an unexcused absence, and absences must be excused by submitting a written note within 48 hours.

\_\_\_\_\_ a student has failed to meet  
An absence is considered "unexcused" by the School District if: state  
law and the district's policies and procedures for excused absences.

**1.4** In seeking to eliminate or reduce the Student's absence, the School District has taken these actions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
The notices given to the Student's Parent(s) or Custodian, of the Student's failure to attend school included: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Conferences with the Student and Parent(s) or Custodians, to analyze the causes of the Student's absences, were scheduled on these dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Other steps taken by the District to eliminate or reduce Student absences included:

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Those actions have not been successful in substantially reducing the student’s unexcused absences. Court intervention and supervision are necessary to assist the school district or parent to reduce the student’s absences from school.

**1.5** The following people are in violation of the mandatory school attendance laws of Washington State:

- The student, for failing to attend school regularly.
- The parent/guardian above named, for failing to cause the student to attend regularly.

**Based on those allegations**, the school district requests that the court:

- Take no action at this time. The school district is actively working on the truancy problem outside of court, and will schedule a hearing later if unexcused absences continue.
- Refer this case to a community truancy board meeting.
- A court hearing should also be scheduled now, in case the board meeting is unsuccessful.
- Schedule a court hearing.

If a court hearing is scheduled, at that hearing the school district will ask the court to:

- order the student to attend school.
- order testing of the student for use of alcohol or controlled substances.
- impose fines on the parent/guardian.
- issue an arrest warrant for any student who fails to appear.
- issue an arrest warrant for any parent who fails to appear.
- other: \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify** under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I am an employee of the School District, I am authorized by the School District to sign this petition, and I know that the statements in the petition are true.

DATED \_\_\_\_\_, at Yakima, Washington, by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name*

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*Title*

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*Address*

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*Telephone Number*