

**§3272. Truancy; excusable absences****1. Truancy.**

[PL 2011, c. 614, §9 (RP).]

**2. Truancy.** A person is truant if:

A. The person is required to attend school or alternative instruction and has completed grade 6 under this chapter and has the equivalent of 10 full days of unexcused absences or 7 consecutive school days of unexcused absences during a school year; [PL 2019, c. 235, §3 (AMD).]

B. The person is required to attend school or alternative instruction and is at least 6 years of age and has not completed grade 6 under this chapter and has the equivalent of 7 full days of unexcused absences or 5 consecutive school days of unexcused absences during a school year; or [PL 2019, c. 508, §4 (AMD).]

C. The person is required to attend school pursuant to section 3271, subsection 1-A and has not completed grade 6 and has the equivalent of 7 full days of unexcused absences or 5 consecutive school days of unexcused absences during a school year. [PL 2019, c. 235, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 2019, c. 508, §4 (AMD).]

**3. Excusable absence.** A person's absence is excused when the absence is for the following reasons:

A. Personal health, including the person's physical, mental and behavioral health; [PL 2019, c. 562, §1 (AMD).]

B. An appointment with a health professional that must be made during the regular school day and the absence has prior approval; [PL 2007, c. 304, §2 (AMD).]

C. Observance of a recognized religious holiday when the observance is required during the regular school day; [PL 2021, c. 25, §1 (AMD).]

D. A family emergency; or [PL 1985, c. 490, §8 (NEW).]

E. A planned absence for a personal or educational purpose that has prior approval. [PL 2007, c. 304, §2 (AMD).]

[PL 2021, c. 25, §1 (AMD).]

**4. Adult responsibility.** Any adults having a person of compulsory school age under their control shall cause the person to attend school as provided in this section.

[PL 1985, c. 490, §8 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

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