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The Board shall not tolerate truancy or the habitual and unlawful absence from school. The parent or legal guardian is responsible for requiring any student under his control or charge and under seventeen (17) years of age to attend school regularly except for legal absences as defined by Alabama School law and State Board of Education rules and regulations. If a student under seventeen (17) years of age becomes a truant, the parent or legal guardian of said student may be guilty of a misdemeanor before a court of competent jurisdiction and subject to punishment by law.

If the parent or guardian files a written statement in court to the effect that he is unable to control such student, the student may then be subject to action of the juvenile court which will determine whether said student is a dependent, neglected, or delinquent child.

Reporting Truancies

School principals and other Alexander City Schools designated personnel shall investigate, record, and report truancies. Procedures for handling truancies shall be administered uniformly throughout the School system according to the early warning truancy prevention program. Consequences (legal and disciplinary) of truancy shall be governed by applicable juvenile court requirements, the laws of Alabama, and the policies of the school system.

The School System shall publish information to inform students, parents, and the community of school attendance requirements, definitions of truancy, consequences of truancy, and procedures related to excused and unexcused absences.

REFERENCE(S):

CODE OF ALABAMA

**16-28-12, 16-28-14, 16-28-15, 16-28-17,
16-28-3, 16-26-16, Legislative Act 99-705**

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