# Part Four: Family Court Referrals and Judicial Intervention

## I. Flow Chart of a Court Referral for Truancy

#### **Truant Level**

Child accumulates 3 consecutive unlawful absences or a total of 5 unlawful absences and is classified as a "truant."

School officials meet with the parents to identify the reasons for the child's absences. School officials develop a written intervention plan in conjunction with the child and parents to address the child's continued absence.

Intervention activities succeed and child attends school with no further unlawful absences.

Monitoring of intervention plan continues, but no legal action is taken.

Child fails to comply with intervention plan and accumulates 2 more unlawful absences.

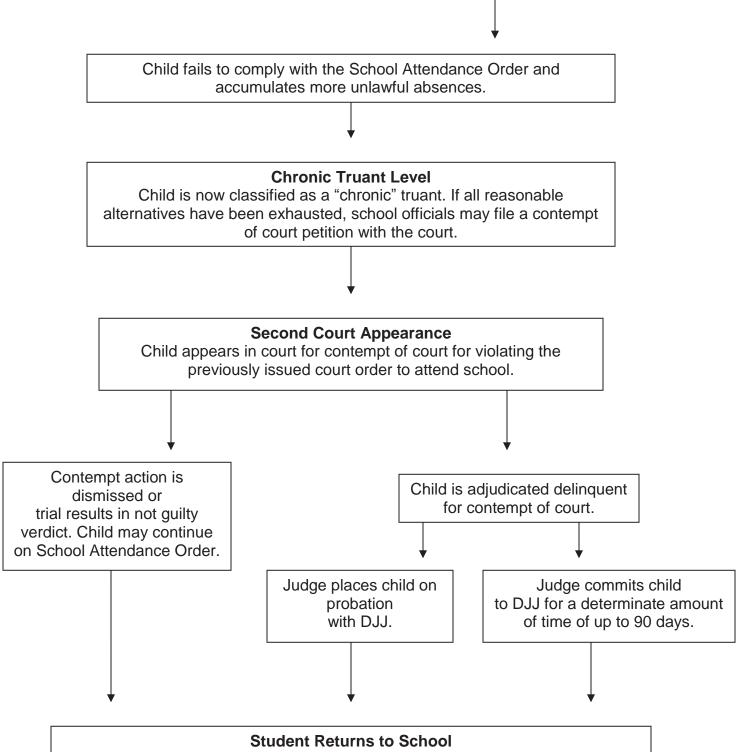
#### **Habitual Truant Level**

Child is now classified as a "habitual" truant. Intervention activities continue, and school officials may file a truancy petition for court action.

### **Initial Court Appearance**

Child appears in court, and judge places child under a School Attendance Order. School Attendance Order is incorporated into the intervention plan and monitoring of plan continues.

Child complies with the School Attendance Order and attends school with no further unlawful absences. No further legal action is taken.



Child returns to school while on probation or after serving a sentence in a DJJ institution. School intervention and monitoring should continue to ensure a smooth transition back to school.