# Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism

Presented by: Leticia McIlwain
October 26, 2020
CanteyEDU

# Truancy

#### When is a Student Classified as Truant?

Once a student between the <u>ages 6 - 17</u> has accumulated <u>unexcused absences on three consecutive days</u> or has accumulated a total of <u>five or more unexcused absences</u> during the academic year

- Only full-day unexcused absences contribute to truancy
- Excused absences and suspensions do not affect truancy

#### **Truancy Regulations**

Link to Regulation:

http://ed.sc.gov/scdoe/assets/File/stateboard/documents/274.pdf

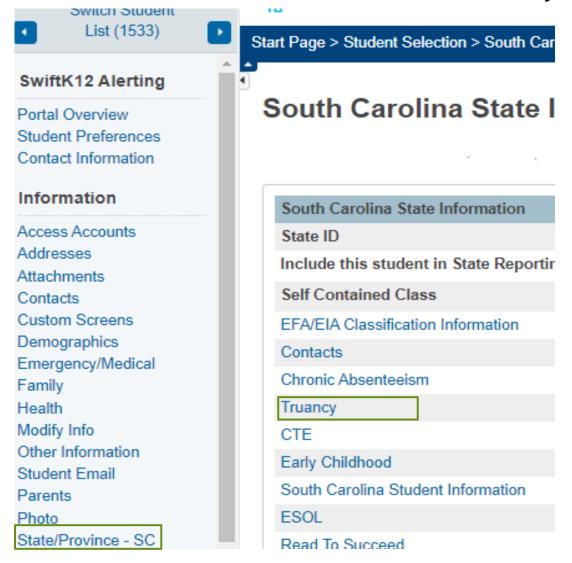
- ► State Board Regulation 43-274 Student Attendance
- ► State Laws regarding Attendance
  - S.C. Code Ann. 59-65-10 to 59-65-280

# Absence Types

Lawful Absences	Unlawful Absences
<ul> <li>Absences caused by a student's own illness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Absences of a student without the knowledge of his or her parents</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Absences due to an illness or death in the student's immediate family</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Absences of a student without acceptable cause with the knowledge of his or her</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Absences due to a recognized religious holiday of the student's faith</li> </ul>	parent
<ul> <li>Absences due to activities that are approved in advance by the principal</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Suspension is not to be counted as an unlawful absence for Truancy purposes</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Absences due to an illness or death in the student's immediate family</li> <li>Absences due to a recognized religious holiday of the student's faith</li> <li>Absences due to activities that are approved in advance by the principal</li> <li>Suspension is not to be counted as an</li> </ul>

#### Student Truancy Tab

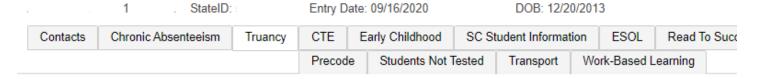
Start Page > Student Selection > State/Province-SC > Truancy



#### What is displayed on the Truancy Page?



Student Information



Student information		
Student Name		
Student Number		:
Birth Date	12/20/2013	
Grade	1	
Gender	Female	
School Name		
District Name		
Full Day Absence Information		
Last Updated	10/20/2020	
Truancy Indicator	Yes	
Unexcused Full Day Absences	6	
Excused Full Day Absences	0	
OSS Full Day Absences	0	
Total Full Day Absences	6	
Tardy	0	
Early Dismissal	0	
Dismissal	0	
Unexcused Early Dismissal	0	

#### **Full Day Unexcused Absences** List of the student's unexcused absences

#### Section contains:

09/25/2020

09/29/2020 10/02/2020

10/08/2020 10/09/2020

10/12/2020

- Total full day unexcused absences
- Truancy Indicator (Is the student flagged as truant?)

# School Level Truancy Reports

SC 40 Truancy Reports by Student

SC 41 Truancy School Detail Report

#### School Level Truancy Reports

- 1. On the Start page click **System Reports**.
- 2. Click on the **State** tab.
- 3. Click on the SC 40 Truancy Report by Student.
- 4. Click on the SC 41 Truancy School Detail Report.

Truancy	Version	Description
SC Truancy Update Process	1.0.6	Updates Truancy and Full Day Absence tables
SC40 Truancy Report by Student	1.0.2	Generates SC Truancy Report by Student
SC41 Truancy School Detail Report	1.0.4	Generates SC Truancy Detail Report By School
SC42 Truancy District Detail Report	1.0.2	Generates SC Truancy detail Report By District
SC Truancy List	1.0	Displays the most recent list of students with Truancies.

## SC 40 Truancy Report by Student

▶ Report Description:

This report displays what is reflected on the Truancy Tab for each student

- ▶ Report is used for:
  - Documentation for Parent Meetings
  - Court Proceedings

Date: January 09, 2018 Page: 7

School Name: Test Elementary School 33 Truancy Student Report District Name: School District

Student Name	Test Student
Student Number	4414
	1121
Birth Date	07/06/2008
Grade	4
Gender	Male
School Name	Test Elementary School 33
District Name	School District
Full Day Absence Information:	
Last Updated	01/09/2018
Truancy Indicator	Yes
Unexcused Full Day Absences	3
Excused Full Day Absences	1
OSS Full Day Absences	0
Total Full Day Absences	4
Tardy	0
Early Dismissal Count	0
Dismissal Count	0

Full Day Unexcused Absences:
09/13/2017
09/14/2017
09/15/2017



**Date:** January 09, 2018 **Page:** 1 of 1

School Name: Test Elementary School 33 Truancy School Report District Name: School District

Truant (3 Consecu	tive Full Day Unxceused Absences)		
Student Number	Student Name	Grade	Full Day Unexceused Absences
785418	]	5	4
774793		4	3
780046	Harding, Tony	2	3
	•	•	Student Count: 3

Truant (5 Non-Consecutive Full Day Unexceused Absences)						
Student Number	Student Name	Grade	Full Day Unexceused Absences			
778244		5	6			
779443	1 , ,	3	5			
785413	1	5	6			
		•	Student Count: 3			

Habitually Truant (7 Non-Consecutive Full Day Unexceused Absences)							
Student Number	Student Name	Grade	Full Day Unexceused				
			Absences				
			Student Count: 0				

10 or more Non-Consecutive Full Day Unexceused Absences							
Student Number	Student Name	Grade	Full Day Unexceused				
			Absences				
			Student Count: 0				

## SC 41 Truancy Report by Student

▶ Report Description:

This report displays truant students at the school level that should be coded in incident management as truant

▶ Report is used for:

Verifying students are coded correctly in incident management as truant

# Chronic Absenteeism

#### What is Chronic Absenteeism?

- 1. Chronically absent: <u>Any</u> student in grade K-12 who misses 50 percent or more of the instructional day for <u>any</u> reason for 10 percent (or more) of the enrollment period
- 2. A student is absent if he or she is not physically on school grounds and is not participating in instruction or instruction-related activities at an approved off-grounds location for the school day

- ► Chronically absent: Any student in grade K-12 who misses 50 percent or more of the instructional day for any reason for 10 percent (or more) of the enrollment period.
  - Example: Student has been enrolled for 30 days
    - ▶ The student has missed 2 half days of instruction
    - ▶ The student has missed 1full day of instruction

#### Example A

#### Example B

The 10 percent is based on the individual student's enrollment.

#### Calculation:

Total Days Absent : Current Membership days × 100 = Absent Percentage

4 days absent ÷ 37 days enrolled × 100 = 10.81%

Chronically Absent

4 days absent ÷ 41 days enrolled × 100 = 9.76%

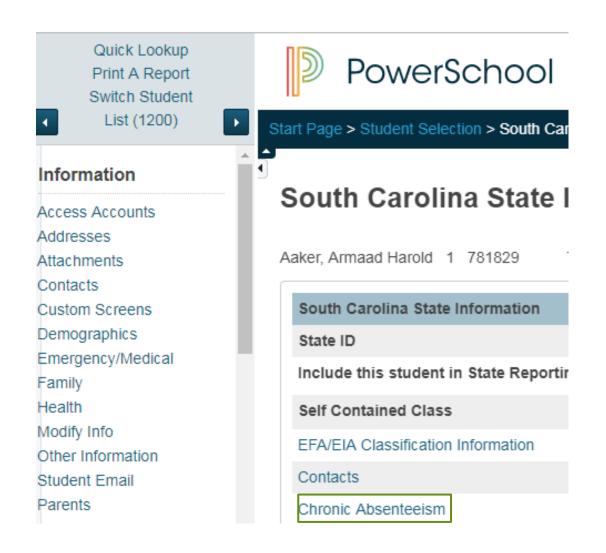
Not Chronically Absent

21 days absent ÷ 180 days enrolled × 100 = 11.66%

**Chronically Absent** 

#### Chronic Absenteeism Tab

Start Page > Student Selection > State/Province-SC > Chronic Absenteeism







# How Students are Flagged as Chronically Absent

- A student must be enrolled at a school for at least 10 membership days to be included in the calculation
- A student will be flagged as a 'Y' (chronically absent) if attendance recorded in PowerSchool reaches or exceeds the 10 percent threshold of absent membership days. Absences will include excused, unexcused and/or out of school suspensions
- A student is considered absent if not present 50% or more of the school day

#### Chronic Absenteeism Page

#### **Chronic Absenteeism**

# Total Days Absent ÷ Current Membership days × 100 = Absent Percentage

Aggas, Holman Anna Wright 4 785935

 $27 \div 180 \times 100 = 15\%$ 

Contacts	Chronic Absenteeism	Truancy	CATE	Early Childh	ood	SC St	udent Information	ESO	L	Read To Succeed
		Precode	Student	s Not Tested	Trar	nsport	Work-Based Lear	ning		

Current Status		
Last Updated	04/10/2018 12:01:13 PM	
Chronic Absenteeism Indicator	Υ	Absences exceeding 10% of their membership days will be set to 'Y'
Total Days Absent	27	Total number of absences for the current membership
Unexcused Absences	6	Number of unexcused absences for the current membership
Excused Absences	18	Number of excused absences for the current membership
OSS Days	3	Number of out of school suspensions for the current membership
Membership Days Flagged	169	
Current Membership Days	180	
<b>Current Absent Percentage</b>	15%	

#### How to Access the Chronic Absenteeism Report

- 1. On the Start page click System Reports.
- 2. Click on the **State** tab.
- 3. Click on the SC 38 Chronic Absenteeism Report.

#### Chronic Absenteeism

- SC37 Chronic Absenteeism Update Process
- SC38 Chronic Absenteeism School Report

## SC 38 Chronic Absenteeism Report

Date: 01/16/2018 BEDS Code:12345 School Name: Test Elementary School 33		Chronic Absenteeism School Report Membership Day: 91			Page: District: School District of				
Student Number	Student Name	Grade Level	Membership Days Flagged	Current Membership Days	Excused	Unexcused	Out-School Suspension	Total Absences	Absence Percentage
6596	(Student Name) Help, Mia	1 3	12 91	12 91	3 9	0	1	4 11	33.33% 12.09%

#### SC 38 Chronic Absenteeism Report

The Chronic Absenteeism School Report displays the total number of absences per student broken down by attendance code category

The student's name, student number, membership days, absence categories, total number of absences and absence percentage will be listed on the report

This report will only include students who were flagged at one point in the current school year as chronically absent

**Note:** Inactive students will still display on the report, but their names will be enclosed inside parentheses

