

Linn Benton Lincoln  
Education Service District

Code: **JEDA**  
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## Truancy\*\*

“Truancy” is defined as absence from school or class without permission.

The ESD believes irregular attendance is one of the factors associated with student failure and frustration with the school experience. A fundamental purpose for insisting on punctual, regular attendance is to help each student develop habits of responsibility.

With these beliefs in mind, the ESD will develop procedures that foster a partnership with component school districts and parents in the early detection of truancy.

The ESD will provide for related counseling and appropriate consequences<sup>1</sup> in accordance with the student’s individualized education program (IEP).

ESD staff working in component school districts, their students and parents shall comply with local district policies and procedures.

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 334.125\(7\)](#)

[ORS 339.040 to -339.090](#)

[ORS 339.240 to -339.250](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

\*\*As used in certain policies, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005 (4) and 125.300 – 125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, depends on the evaluation of the factors listed in ORS 419B.373. The determination for other purposes depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For special education students, parent also includes a surrogate parent, an adult student to whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-2000.

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<sup>1</sup>Expulsion may not be used to address truancy. (ORS 339.250(2)(b)(B))