



Truancy vs. Chronic Absence

Truancy

- Counts **ONLY** unexcused absences
- Emphasizes individual compliance with school rules
- Uses legal, typically more blaming and punitive solutions

VS

Chronic Absence

- Counts all absences: excused, unexcused & suspensions
- Emphasizes academic impact of missed days and benefits of being present
- Uses preventative, problem solving, trauma-sensitive strategies
- Cultivates family & student engagement