

Truancy vs. Chronic Absence

VS



Truancy

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

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

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