

**Illinois and Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Policies
on Absenteeism and Truancy**

Changes Over Time

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Policies Explained

- [Change in Chicago Public Schools \(CPS\) Truancy Policy from 2008 to 2022](#)
- [Truancy/Compulsory Education in Illinois: Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/26](#)

Illinois and CPS Policies

- [Chicago Public Schools Policy Manual Title: ENROLLMENT AND TRANSFER OF STUDENTS IN THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS](#) (Adopted: July 28, 2021)
- [Chicago Public Schools Policy Manual Title: ABSENTEEISM AND TRUANCY](#) (Adopted February 22, 2006)
- [Illinois Compulsory Attendance Act](#)

Note: "...shall cause such child to attend some public school in the district wherein the child resides the entire time it is in session during the regular school term,..."