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RE: Riverdale School District Truancy Policy

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter is to familiarize you with the penalties for violations of Riverdale's truancy policy. To find out what constitutes a violation of the truancy policy, please refer to the student / parent manual given to you by the district.

For the first violation a warning letter is **usually** issued.

After the warning letter has been issued, a citation for Truancy will be issued. The fine amount for Truancy is \$200.50 and does require a court appearance the following Thursday morning in Grant County Circuit Court. Both the child and the parent are required to attend.

New for 2024 is a citation for Habitual Truancy issued to the student. The fine is \$263.50 and allows the judge to revoke work permits, suspend driving privileges, impose curfews, along with other sanctions. Details can be found at www.muscoda.com/ordinances Most specifically ordinance 11-5 (Offenses by Juveniles).

Further violations are then referred to Social Service agency for the county in which you reside. *If your child is absent for an extended period of time, citations may not be issued. It may be referred directly to Social Services.*

If your child is under the age of 12, the parent / guardian **will** receive the citation. This citation carries a fine of \$263.50 and does require a mandatory appearance in court. It should be noted that if the child is 12 or older, the parent / guardian may be cited along with the student.

As a parent myself, I urge you to look at the Riverdale School District's handbook and familiarize yourself with the truancy policy. Being late for school or leaving early can be violations. If you have questions about the policy, ask the staff at the school before a violation occurs.

If you have questions about the fines, please feel free to contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

Bill Schramm
Chief of Police