

**Saint Helens  
School District 502**

Code: **JEDA**  
Adopted: 4/28/98  
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Orig. Code(s): JEDA

## **Truancy**

Truancy is defined as absence from school without permission.

The district 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 school attendance is to help each student develop habits of responsibility.

With these beliefs in mind, the district will develop procedures that foster a partnership with parents in the early detection of truancy, related counseling and appropriate consequences<sup>1</sup>.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 339.040](#) to -339.090

[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

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

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