

WRIGHT COUNTY TRUANCY PROCESS

Step One - 3-Day Truancy Referral

After the child has had 3 or more unexcused absences on 3 different days, the school makes a referral to Wright County Human Services. The child and parent are invited to attend the Truancy Mediation Meeting to gain knowledge of the truancy laws including possible dispositions in truancy cases, as well as understanding the effects that truancy has on a child's future. There is an administrative charge of \$15 for this class. The student and/or parent must pay and pre-register before the next Truancy meeting. The meetings take place in the evening at the Wright County Government Center.

Step Two - 5-Day Truancy Referral

If the child continues to be truant (5 unexcused days), the family is referred to the Wright County Student Attendance Review Board (SARB). The family meets with representatives from the school, Wright County Human Services, and potentially Probation, to identify and address any issues that are preventing the child from attending school and being a successful student. The [SARB](#) tailors their recommendations to the specific circumstances of each child and the family signs a contract to work towards resolving the child's truant behavior. When a student reaches this point their attendance is also monitored by Wright County

Step Three - 7 or More Unexcused Absences

The third step is the filing of the truancy petition. This step will be taken if steps one and two have failed. If a student reaches step three, a \$50 administrative charge will be assessed.