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5 Attendance Policy - Truancy

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7 Students are expected to attend all assigned classes each day. Teachers shall keep a record of absence and
8 tardiness. Before the end of the school day, each school shall attempt to contact every parent, guardian,
9 or custodian whose child is absent from school but who has not reported the child as absent for the school
10 day, to determine whether the parent, guardian, or custodian is aware of the child’s absence from school.

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12 For the purpose of this policy “truant” or “truancy” means the persistent non-attendance without excuse,
13 as defined by this policy, for all or any part of a school day equivalent to the length of one class period of
14 a child required to attend a school under 20-5-103. “Habitual truancy” means recorded unexcused
15 absences of 9 or more days or 54 or more parts of a day, whichever is less, in 1 school year.

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17 The Bigfork School District’s definition of non-attendance without excuse is stated in Board Policy 3122
18 and in the student handbook.

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20 The Bigfork School District has appointed the Administration as the Attendance Officer(s) of the district.

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22 The Attendance Officer shall have the powers and duties as stated in 20-5-105(1) (Section 2), MCA.

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25	Legal Reference:	§ 20-5-103, MCA Compulsory attendance and excuses
26		§ 20-5-104, MCA Attendance officer
27		§ 20-5-105, MCA Attendance officer – powers and duties
28		§ 20-5-106, MCA Truancy
29		§ 20-5-107, MCA Incapacitated and indigent child attendance
30		§ 41-5-103(22), MCA Definitions
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