



## Global Village Academy

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Regular school attendance is a key factor for student success. Missing too much school has long-term negative effects on students, such as lower achievement and graduation rates. In December 2016, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 410 changing the law for “habitually truant” and “excessively absent” commencing with the 2017-2018 school year. Global Village Academy has amended and adopted policies that are required by law.

The following is the definition of “**habitually truant**,” as defined by law:

- Absent 30 or more *consecutive* hours (approximately 4 ½ days) **without** a legitimate excuse; or
- Absent 42 or more hours (approximately 6 ½ days) in *one school month* **without** a legitimate excuse; or
- Absent 72 or more hours (approximately 11 days) in *one school year* **without** a legitimate excuse.

Students deemed “**habitually truant**” in any of these circumstances will be turned into Global Village Academy’s attendance officer. The attendance officer is required to contact the parent regarding the date and time of a meeting set by the school’s Absence Intervention Team (AIT) that the parent is required to attend. Failure to attend may result in the school district contacting Children’s Services. During this meeting, the AIT will develop an absence intervention plan. The school’s AIT will monitor and evaluate the intervention plan during implementation. Failure to follow and meet the plan requirements will result in the district filing an official complaint in juvenile court.

House Bill 410 also defined “**excessively absent**” as the following:

- Absent 38 or more hours (approximately 6 days) in one school *month* **with or without** a legitimate excuse; or
- Absent 65 or more hours (approximately 10 days) in one school *year* **with or without** a legitimate excuse.

Students deemed “**excessively absent**” in either of these circumstances will be sent a letter from the school district notifying them of excessive absences. No further action will need to be taken at that time, but further action may be required if the absences continue.

In order to maximize your child’s daily instruction, it is important he or she attend school regularly. Please assist the school district in making every effort to ensure the attendance of your child.

Sincerely,

Oleh Holowatyj, Superintendent  
Global Village Academy