

WHY DOES THE COMMUNITY ENFORCE TRUANCY LAWS?

To ensure the welfare, care, protection, and rehabilitation of children within the Community. Truancy can be found in the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11, Article XI, Section 309. This guide is meant to be a high-level summary and is not intended to be legal advice. To view the complete Truancy Ordinance, visit srpmic-nsn/government/ordinances.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Parents are responsible for student attendance even after leaving them to get themselves to school, getting them on the bus or dropping them off at school.
- Request an attendance report from the school attendance clerk. Immediate attention to unauthorized absences committed by your child is the most effective way to correct behavior.
- Do not ignore significant behavior problems.
- Seek help if your child refuses to obey reasonable directions, behaves in a manner which may injure and endanger self/others or if your child has run away from home.
- Always update the school with current address and contact number for emergencies.
- If it is beyond your control contact Social Services, Behavioral Health or SCR.
- Contact us to see if your child will be eligible for our Rewards Program to encourage good attendance and academic excellence.

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TO THE SRPMIC
TRUANCY ORDINANCE**

WHAT IS TRUANCY? Sec. 11-309.

Truant or **Truancy** means an unexcused or unverifiable absence for at least one class period during the day that has been referred or is referable to an attendance officer for citation pursuant to the administrative truancy procedures adopted by a Community school and approved by the Community's board of education or that has been referred by a school outside the Community pursuant to procedures set forth by the Community's board of education.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Absence means nonattendance in school for a school day as defined within this section or for the accumulation of the following tardies:

1. Five school days in a semester for elementary school students; or
2. Five class periods in a semester for secondary school students (grades 7 through 12)

Excessive absences means when the number of absent days exceeds ten percent of the instructional days scheduled for the semester.

Fail to attend school during the hours school is in session means that the student has one or more absences.

Habitually truant means a child who is truant for at least ten school days in a semester, whether consecutive or not.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY'S STANCE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE?

Sec.11-311. School Attendance.

- It is unlawful for any child between five and 18 years of age who resides within the Community to fail to attend school during the hours school is in session.
- The parent, guardian or custodian of a child between five and 18 years of age shall enroll the child in and ensure that the child attends school for the full-time school is in session shall be subject to the civil penalties set forth in sections 11-317 and 11-318.
- It is unlawful for any child between five and 18 years of age who resides within the Community to have excessive absences, regardless of the reasons or justification for such.
- In addition to the finding of a violation of this section, a child who is found to be habitually truant or who has excessive absences, as defined in section 11-309, may be determined to be an incorrigible child. The court may impose reasonable conditions upon the child, under the supervision of the probation department, to remedy any incorrigible behaviors.

HOW DOES THE COMMUNITY ENFORCE THE TRUANCY LAWS?

Sec. 11-317. Fines.

- Fines shall be assessed as follows against parents, guardians, custodians and children 12 years of age or older who are found by the court to have violated this article:
 - ⇒ A civil fine of \$1,000 for the first finding of a violation within an academic year; provided, however, the court may order that the amount of the fine, minus court costs, are rebated to the respondents only if all of the provisions of the court order have been fulfilled, including any civil sanctions consistent with section 11-318 that may have been imposed, and there has been no further truancy citation for the subsequent five months of school or until graduation, whichever comes first comes first.
 - ⇒ A civil fine of \$2,500 for the second finding of the violation within an academic year.
 - ⇒ A civil fine of \$5,000 for the third finding of a violation within an academic year.
 - ⇒ \$500 for each truancy after the finding of a third violation within an academic year.

WHAT DOES SALT RIVER SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL & COMMUNITY RELATIONS DO TO ENCOURAGE GOOD ATTENDANCE AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE?

SCR REWARDS PROGRAM*

If the SRPMIC-enrolled student is eligible, the student may choose from various trips or visit the student rewards store to choose a prize. The SCR Rewards Program occurs during Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer break.

*Outside public or charter schools must present SCR with official documents of attendance or report card to be eligible.

Recognition	Excused Absence Allowed	Tardy Allowed
Perfect Attendance (per qtr.)	0	0
Good Attendance (per qtr.)	≤3	≤4
Academic Excellence (per semester)	Maintain A/B average or a 3.0 GPA	