

Dear Parent

The Mahoning County Juvenile Truancy Court has been set up to follow the **habitual truant** procedures as defined in **Senate Bill 181**.

Senate Bill 181 makes provisions to address **habitual truant** problems at **12 unexcused days** (no medical or legal documentation). Juvenile court Judge Theresa Dellick has also mandated that tardy issues be addressed. If a student reaches 12 unexcused tardies, a referral can be made for a hearing at Juvenile Court.

All medical notes and legal documentation must be provided to and approved or disapproved by the school prior to making a referral for a truancy hearing at Juvenile court. As noted in our Attendance Policy, all medical excuses must be given to us within **forty-eight hours** of the child returning to school.

Juvenile Court **WILL NOT** accept any medical notes at the hearing.