

DMV Information regarding Absences

The Florida Legislature enacted specific provisions to reduce truancy and ensure that schools respond in a timely manner to student nonattendance. The continuum of attendance-related intervention and enforcement strategies requires school districts to implement programs, procedures and activities consistent with this legislative intent and pursuant to the following:

- Enforcement of school attendance (section 1003.26, Florida Statutes) (Appendix C);
- Court procedure and penalties (section 1003.27, Florida Statutes) (Appendix D); and
- Learnfare Program reporting requirements (section 414.1251, Florida Statutes) (Appendix E).

The Florida Legislature enacted requirements that schools report to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) the names, birth dates, gender and social security numbers of minors who attain the age of 14 and **accumulate 15 unexcused absences within a period of 90 calendar days**. The legislation further provides that those students who fail to satisfy attendance requirements will be ineligible to obtain or maintain driving privileges.