

Why do I have to go to school?

- It is the law
- In Illinois you must attend school until age 17, unless you have a really good excuse.
- The law defines what is a good excuse.
- Being tired, not liking school rules, or just not wanting to attend school is not a good excuse to miss school or to be late.
- School is not a punishment for being a kid, it is a good way to prepare yourself

for a better quality of life.



*Your life begins after graduation!*

## COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW

**105ILCS5/26-1**Whoever has custody or control of any child between the ages of 7 and 17 years shall cause such child to attend school in the district wherein the child resides the entire time it is in session during the regular school term.



**ROE #27**

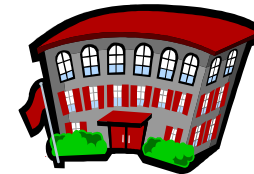
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## TRUANCY MATTERS!

- Students who miss school miss opportunities to learn, fail classes, lose credits, or get held back in a grade.
- Some students even drop out of school if they feel like they are too far behind to catch up.
- That useless feeling will follow you the rest of your life.
- If you stay in school and try your best, you do not have to worry about catching up and you can enjoy school, friends, and life a little more.



### STAY IN SCHOOL!

- When you are not in school, you have more time to get bored and find yourself in trouble.
- This trouble could be with your parent's, the law, and/or within yourself.
- Parent's will not have to yell at you and you will not take the risk of getting a truancy citation or getting arrested for the things you do while truant.



*Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.*  
**John Dewey**

### REMEMBER

- Parent's and Court can take away: **Your freedom, your money, and even your drivers license.**
- There is no problem so big that it should stand in the way of going to school and getting what you want out of life.
- If things in your life are so overwhelming that you can not find a solution or just feel helpless, talk to a trusted adult.

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