



**REQUEST FOR  
ACCOMMODATIONS BY  
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance use.

**PLEASE CONTACT**

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**TRUANCY  
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ORANGE COUNTY

**TRUANCY COURT**

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The mission of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court's Truancy Program is to help reduce the truancy rate by reaching out, to students effectively addressing the underlying causes and providing a comprehensive approach with services, intervention and case management.

## ORANGE COUNTY TRUANCY COURT

Truancy is a community issue. The Ninth Judicial Circuit Court is vested in the bright futures of children and operates a daytime and evening Truancy Court. A General Magistrate presides over the daytime docket.

Non-attendance of school often starts early and is symptomatic of serious issues, such as:

- Family problems
- Mental health issues
- Poor school environment
- Special education needs
- Economic hardships

Truancy may lead to:

- Delinquency
- Substance abuse
- Social isolation
- Educational failures

School drop-outs are poorly prepared to enter and retain employment in the workforce. They are more likely to require greater expenditures for social services and to be trapped in the criminal justice system than graduates.

The Orange County Truancy Court Program assists children and families in overcoming their obstacles by reinforcing education through the collaborative efforts of the school, courts, mental health providers, families and the community.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND TRUANCY

Florida law mandates compulsory school attendance for children who attain the age of 6 years old by February 1 of any school year or who are older than 6 years but have not attained the age of 16 years.

Public school students who have attained the age of 16 years are subject to compulsory school attendance unless a Declaration of Intent is filed with the school board, acknowledging that terminating school enrollment is likely to reduce the student's earning potential.

A student subject to compulsory school attendance who has at least 5 unexcused absences within a calendar month or 10 unexcused absences within a 90 - calendar - day period is considered truant. A student is considered a "habitual truant" if he or she accumulates 15 unexcused absences within a 90 - calendar - day period.

Once a student is classified as a truant, the Orange County School Board is required by law to provide intervention services through a social workers. Truancy petitions against children and parents or guardians are filed by the School Board as a last resort when voluntary intervention services are ignored.

