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TRUANCY PREVENTION MONTH DID YOU KNOW...?



If you skip classes, you're not only limiting your future, you're breaking the law.

ALL YOU
NEED TO
KNOW
WAS IN THE
CLASS
YOU
MISSED



What is truancy? The definition of truancy is usually established by school district policy and may vary across districts. Definitions for an excused absence, an unexcused absence, or a truancy can vary by state and even school districts. According to the Campbell County Attendance Policy, attendance of a student is the responsibility of the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) until the student turns eighteen (18) years of age. Attendance is a key factor in student achievement and therefore, students are expected to be present each day (180) school is in session. Attendance to school is essential for student success. When students miss school, they miss educational opportunities. Teachers plan lessons to target

all students to experience growth. When a student is absent, they miss valuable time for learning. It is extremely important that students attend school every day and all day to promote educational growth. The law is very specific on how schools are to respond to excessive absences, tardies, and/or early dismissal, also known as **truancy**.

Absences is defined as not being present for an entire school day, a major portion of the school day or the major portion of any class or activity during the school day for which the student is scheduled. Absences not excused for reasons within the Campbell County Board policy are considered unlawful absences. Out-of-school suspensions are

not considered unlawful, but are unexcused. Excessive suspensions will affect driving privileges, but are not used in truancy petitions. Ten or more excused absences are considered excessive. Excessive excused absences should be discussed with the principal and other key staff and may be reported to the truancy board for further investigation.

A student is considered truant by the State of Tennessee at five (5) unlawful days. Per TCA-49-6-3007, after a child has five unlawful absences, the director of schools will provide written notice to the parent/guardian stating attendance at school is required. Excessive unlawful days are referred to Juvenile Court/law enforcement.

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH 2016

It's back to school time and you're prepared with your child's enrollment forms, orientation schedules, and immunizations-but what about their eyes? This is an ideal time to get your children's eyes checked. Most children have healthy eyes. There are conditions that can threaten good vision. Because you can't al-

ways "look" into your child's eyes to tell if they have eye health problems, get that eye exam.

Our child's eyes should be examined during regular pediatric appointments and vision testing should be conducted around age three. Parents should be aware of signs that may indicate their

child has vision problems, including: wandering or crossed eyes; lazy eye; crossed eyes; color blindness; nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism.

Since **80%** of how we learn is done through our vision, it makes sense that vision problems can have a profound effect on how we learn.

LEGACY



WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY? MONTH

Have you ever thought about how you will touch others' lives? Have you thought about what kind of legacy you want to leave for future generations? Usually when people pass away there is a huge focus on the things they owed and who gets what, and the idea of handing down ideas and values was a **totally new**

way to look at it.

Think about the backyard parties your grandparents used to have with friends, food and music. There is magic in connection. It's so easy to hurry through life, but it's over too quickly and there is so much to learn and enjoy when you stop and take in the stories that are shared with you. We

need to be reminded that we should keep going when things get hard. We also need to realize that in order to be a good example, and to pass on beliefs and values, we need to live them consciously, right now. Look at things we carry from past generations. We need to leave some behind, as well as carry some forward.

WARNING SIGNS OF DRUG ABUSE

TN GOV BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

WARNING

The use of recreational drugs, over the counter medications or prescription drugs can lead to substance use issues. It can frequently lead to problems at work, school, and in relationships, and leave the user feeling isolated, helpless, or shamed. If you're worried about your own or a loved one's drug use, it's helpful to know the warning signs and more importantly, that help is available and treatment works.

Common signs and symptoms of drug abuse

- Neglecting responsibilities at school, work, or home
- Risk taking when you're using, such as driving, having unprotected

sex

- Legal trouble, such as arrests for disorderly conduct, driving under the influence

Physical warning signs of drug abuse

- Bloodshot eyes, pupils larger or smaller than usual
- Changes in appetite, sleep patterns, physical appearance
- Unusual smells on breath, body or clothing, or impaired coordination

Behavioral signs of drug abuse

- Drop in attendance and performance at work or school
- Engaging in secretive or suspicious behaviors
- Sudden change in friends, favorite hangouts, and hobbies



Psychological warning signs of drug abuse

- Unexplained change in personality or attitude
- Sudden mood swings, irritability, spaced-out, or angry outbursts
- Appears fearful, anxious, or paranoid, with no reason

Recognizing there's a problem is the first step on the road to recovery for yourself, or for a loved one. It often takes tremendous courage and strength. For immediate help and information on treatment, contact the Redline - Phone 1-800-889-9789.

Kids who learn a lot about the risks of drugs from their parents are **50% less likely to use drugs.***

PARENTS, YOU HAVE THE POWER.
Talk to your kids about the dangers of over-the-counter cough medicine and prescription drug abuse.



**AUGUST SPECIAL HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES
CHILDREN’S VISION AND LEARNING AND
NATIONAL TRUANCY PREVENTION MONTH**

August 2nd - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - Sargeant’s Park in downtown LaFollette 6-8 p.m.

August 5th & 8th - In-service Days for staff

August 7th - National Kid’s Day (first Sunday in Aug)

August 9th - Registration Day - students dismissed at noon; Teachers all day (1/2 day in-service); combined Community Advisory Board and Health Council Meeting at 9 a.m. - more info to follow

August 10th - First Day of classes for students

August 15th - Best Friends Day

August 21st - Senior Citizen’s Day

August 26th - Women’s Equality Day

August 31st - International Overdose Awareness Day



GENERATION Rx TO EXPAND THIS YEAR



The GENERATION Rx Program (created by Cardinal Health Foundation and OSU) has been in place for the past several months. We say “Welcome back to School, and we will be coming to your school soon!” Donnie Poston, CHET Generation Rx Prevention Coordinator, is part of a team that has been working hard to provide students with an opportunity to learn about the importance of good prescription and over the counter medicine safe principles. This program is a partnership with Campbell County Schools, Community Health of East Tennessee, South College School of Pharmacy, Terry’s Pharmacy (Dr. Raewyn Snodderly), the Sheriff’s Department, and partial funding from the LaFollette Medical Foundation.

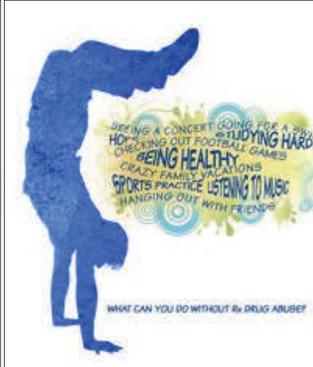
This year the program will expand into subject areas

that reflect the same goals and objectives covered in the GENERATION Rx Curriculum. Health classes, Study Skills Classes, and selected other content areas will be tapped for a collaboration and coordinated effort to teach the dangers of prescription drug abuse and misuse. We plan to work in the elementary, middle, high school levels, as well as expand into the post secondary classroom subject areas that match the scope and sequence of the goals and objectives of GENERATION Rx.

Another Prevention Coordinator has been hired to assist in the development and implementation of the program here in Campbell County. Amy Lusby, also a Master’s Level Educator, has joined the team and has “hit the floor running” with much to learn and offer. South College students are assigned to

work with Dr. Raewyn Snodderly, the key contact person for Pharmacy student placements, while Mr. Donnie Poston is the key contact person for the coordination and collaboration with the school district personnel.

Presentations and special programs will be scheduled before school, at lunch, and after school, in addition to some limited presentations during the school day, in matching subject matter classes. They will continue to partner with the Campbell County Anti-Drug Coalition, and will also work with other parties interested in learning more about medicine safety principles. We serve all of Campbell County, and will do our best to meet the needs of all who request our services, including faith based and local organizations.



For more information, contact Donnie Poston (CHET), at 423-562-1156, ext. 1079, or Raewyn Snodderly (Terry’s Pharmacy), at 423-562-4928.





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**FAMILY RULES ARE IMPORTANT...
 WILL YOUR KIDS REMEMBER ALL YOUR RULES?**

Family Rules are important! Some of the reasons to have family rules include:

- Rules avoid conflict
- Rules set up a routine
- Rules help get closer
- Rules keep the family healthy

Family Rules: Use this box to create and enforce rules for your family to follow. We suggest that you post this sheet on your refrigerator or other common location where it can serve as a reminder for you and your children.

Homework... Rules regarding homework...	Curfew... Rules regarding curfew...
TV... Rules regarding watching the TV...	Chores... Rules regarding chores...
Video Games... Rules regarding playing Video Games...	Behavior... Rules regarding how to behave...
Computer... Rules regarding using the Computer...	Other... Other rules...
Phone... Rules regarding using their phone...	Other... Other rules...

