

In the Court of Common Pleas, Hancock County, Ohio  
Juvenile Division

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NUMBER:

Truancy Court Participation Agreement

The purpose of the Hancock County Truancy Court, under the direction of Judge Kristen K. Johnson, is to work with students, families, and school personnel to promote increased school attendance, student accountability, and caregiver responsibility by providing positive reinforcements and the use of graduated sanctions. By signing this Agreement, I am indicating my willingness to put forth my best efforts in following all of the program rules. I also acknowledge that a Participant Handbook has been given to me, the program rules have been explained to me, and I understand the expectations placed upon me by the Court, including regular Court appearances before the Judge. I also understand that during my participation in Truancy Court, I may ask for an attorney at any time, even if I did not initially request to be represented by an attorney. I also understand that I am waiving my right to remain silent and my right against self-incrimination, as I will be expected to be honest with the Judge during all Truancy Court hearings and report any violation of program rules to her.

I have read and agree to the follow program expectations:

1. I understand that I must attend school every day, on time, and have no unexcused absences. If I am enrolled in a digital environment, I will log in daily as instructed, attend lab as instructed, and actively make progress in my studies.
2. I understand that I cannot change schools, without Court approval, while I am a participant in Truancy Court.
3. I understand that I will be required to attend regular Court hearings as scheduled, for a minimum of three (3) months, and that I will appear weekly during the first step of the program.
4. I understand that the length of time I am in the program depends on my progress and my ability to follow the rules, and is not based solely on preset timelines.
5. I agree to meet with Court staff whenever requested, to monitor my progress.
6. I agree to keep confidential all information regarding other program participants that is shared during any Court hearings.
7. I agree to comply with all of the rules as outlined in the Participant Handbook and will ask any questions that I have regarding these rules.
8. I agree to comply with other Orders issued by the Judge during hearings, such as submitting an essay or completing community service hours.
9. I understand that I must submit to frequent, random urinalysis under the direct observation of Court staff, the results of which will be considered by the Judge in determining sanctions and rewards, and could result in additional charges being filed. I will be assigned a letter group for drug screening. I must call 419-722-0191 prior to 9:00

a.m. daily, Monday through Friday, and if my letter group has been selected, I must appear at the Court that day between 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to produce a drug screen. I will not be assessed a fee for these tests, unless I choose to have a sample confirmed at an outside lab.

10. I understand that if I fail to submit to a screen when requested, I submit an adulterated or diluted sample, or submit the sample of another person, it will be considered a positive screen and immediately sanctioned.
11. I agree that I will cooperate with any mental health/substance abuse assessments, evaluations, or therapy to which the Court Orders me and I will attend all appointments. I understand that my caregiver will be required to sign a release of information form so that the Court can communicate with my counselor. All information obtained will be kept confidential within the provisions of the law, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.
12. I understand that noncompliance with program rules will be governed by the use of immediate and graduated sanctions. These sanctions could include (but are not limited to), more frequent Court hearings, use of teacher signature sheets at a higher Step, House Arrest, increased drug testing, writing essays, attending counseling, performing community service hours, filing of a Violation of a Court Order, incarceration, or unsuccessful termination from the program.
13. I understand that I will be graduated from the program once I have successfully completed all three (3) steps.
14. I understand that if I will be leaving the state of Ohio for more than twenty-four (24) hours, I must have my travel plans pre-approved, as outlined in the Participant Handbook.
15. I understand as caregiver of this child, I will inform the assigned probation officer of any violations of the Truancy Court rules. Failure to do so could result not only in my child being unsuccessfully terminated from the program, but Contributing/Contempt charges could be requested/filed against me.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT, FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISH THE RIGHTS DISCUSSED HEREIN AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL OF THE RULES AND CONDITIONS OF THE TRUANCY COURT PROGRAM.**

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Participant

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Date

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Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date

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Court Staff

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Date