

The Impact of Truancy and Poor Attendance

Youth who are truant have higher risk factors of:

- Challenging behavior in school
 - Educational failure
 - Achievement gaps
 - Poor standardized test performance
 - Skills deficiencies
 - Juvenile delinquent activity, especially burglary and vandalism
 - Abuse of drugs and alcohol
 - Teen pregnancy
 - Social isolation
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Schools and communities feel financial impacts of truancy by:

- Loss of Federal and State educational funding based on daily attendance figures
- Cost of services for children with behavioral challenges
- Cost of social services for families of children who are truant or drop out of school and require assistance
- Cost to taxpayers for law enforcement to fight higher daytime crime rates
- Costs to businesses to train a less educated workforce
- Business loss due to youth who hang out and / or shoplift during the day