

## EFFECTS OF POOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- Dropping out limits future career opportunities.
- Dropouts become dependent on parents for income.
- Children are more likely to use alcohol and other drugs.
- Parents lose work to attend school meetings, court, etc.
- Students have low academic achievement.
- Increases the likelihood of trouble with the law. (Most prison inmates are dropouts.)

### What can happen:

- The school can refer a family to the **ARRIVE** coordinator for assistance.
- The school shall file a report with the County Attorney after 20 absences.
- The County Attorney can assign the case to the **ARRIVE** program.
- The child can be referred to the Youth Services Diversion Program.
- The case can be filed with the Court and the child / parents placed on probation.
- Parents / Guardians can be prosecuted.

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**\*ABSENCE REDUCTION RESOURCES**

**INCREASING VALUABLE EDUCATION**

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## OUR MISSION

ARRIVE's program mission is to improve student attendance in a nurturing manner that builds relationships between students, families, schools and the community.

The ARRIVE Program will examine the root causes of attendance problems and assist in resolving the issues that create barriers to regular school attendance.



## ***Why your child is at risk if school attendance is poor.***

Many statistics show the dangers of absenteeism:

- Children who are absent frequently have a much greater chance of dropping out.
- 90% of all children in juvenile detention have a history of truancy.
- Children who don't get their diplomas will make half as much money when they graduate as those who do have diplomas.



### **School Attendance Laws**

Nebraska Revised Statutes 79-201 through 79-210 provides for school attendance laws.

- These laws apply to children ages 6 -18
- Each school shall have a mandatory attendance policy. No more than 20 days per school year may be missed.

- Schools are required to report violations to the County Attorney.
- Any person violating the provisions of N.R.S. sections [79-201](#) to [79-209](#) shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor per N.R.S. section [79-210](#).

### **PARENT TIPS:**

[Attendance patterns start in elementary school. Make sure your child is in school!](#)

- \* If you have transportation issues, contact your school for help.
- \* Be sure to schedule appointments and vacations outside of school time.
- \* Insist that your child attends school daily. The most important thing you can do is to show support for your child and their teachers.
- \* Make your child understand that by consistently showing up to school, they are positively affecting the outcome of their entire lives.
- \* Stress the value of education
- \* Attend Parent-Teacher meetings
- \* Don't ignore calls or letters regarding poor attendance

Parents who view school negatively and have little involvement in their child's education are more likely to have children who become dropouts. If you consistently remind your child of the important role education plays throughout their entire life, if you show interest and get involved in your child's education, your child's chances of excelling in school and graduating are much greater.

If you are struggling with attendance issues with your child, or are seeking advice as to services available for a specific problem, contact your [ARRIVE](#) office for help!

