

An Ordinance Relating To Truancy and Dropouts

The Village Board of the Village of Dorchester does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 9-2-17 is hereby created as follows:

SEC. 9-2-17 TRUANCY AND DROPOUTS

(a) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

- (1) ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE - has the meaning as defined in Section 118.15 and 118.16(4), Wis. Stats.
- (2) DROPOUT - means a child who ceased to attend school, does not attend a public or private school, technical college or home-based private educational program on a full-time basis, has not graduated from high school and does not have an acceptable excuse.
- (2) HABITUAL TRUANT - means a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five (5) or more days on which school is held during a school semester.
- (3) OPERATING PRIVILEGE - has the meaning as defined in 340.01(4) Wis. Stats.
- (4) TRUANT - means a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of any day on which school is held during a school semester.

(b) VIOLATION.

- (1) TRUANT. No person under 18 years of age shall be a truant.
- (2) HABITUAL TRUANT. No person under 18 years of age shall be a habitual truant.
- (3) DROPOUT. No person who is at least 16 years of age but is less than 18 years of age may be a dropout.

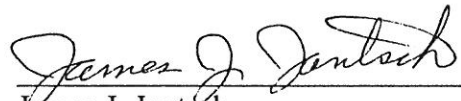
(c) DISPOSITION.


- (1) DISPOSITION FOR TRUANCY. Upon a finding that a child is a truant, one or more of the following dispositions shall be entered by the court:
 - a. An order for the person to attend school.
 - b. Impose a forfeiture of not more than \$50 plus costs for a first violation, or a forfeiture of not more than \$100 plus costs for any second or subsequent violation committed within 12 months of a previous violation, subject to 938.37, Wis. Stats., and subject to a maximum cumulative forfeiture of not more than \$500 for all violations committed during a school semester. All or part of the forfeiture plus costs may be assessed against the person, the parents or guardian of the person, or both.
- (2) DISPOSITION FOR HABITUAL TRUANCY. Upon a finding that a child is a habitual truant, one or more of the following dispositions shall be entered by the court:
 - a. An order for the person to attend school.
 - b. A forfeiture of not more than \$500 plus costs, subject to 938.37, Wis. Stats. All or part of the forfeiture, plus costs, may be assessed against the person, the parents or guardian of the person, or both.
 - c. Suspension of the person's operating privilege for not less than 30 days nor more than one year. The court shall immediately take possession of any suspended license and forward it

- to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation together with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension.
- d. An order to the person to remain at home except during hours in which the person is attending religious worship or a school program, including travel time required to and from the school program or place of worship. The order may permit a person to leave his or her home if the child is accompanied by a parent or guardian.
 - e. An order placing the person under formal or informal supervision, as described in 938.34(2), Wis. Stats., for up to one year.
 - f. An order for the person to participate in counseling or a supervised work program or other community service work as described in 938.34(5g), Wis. Stats. The costs of any such counseling, supervised work program or other community service work may be assessed against the person, the parents or guardian of the person, or both.
 - g. An order for the person to attend an educational program as described in 938.34(7d), Wis. Stats.
 - h. An order for the Wisconsin Department of Work Force Development to revoke, under 103.72, Wis. Stats., a permit under 103.70, Wis. Stats., authorizing the employment of the person.
 - i. An order for the person to be placed in a teen court program as described in 938.342(1g)(f), Wis. Stats.
 - j. An order for the person's parent, guardian or legal custodian to participate in counseling at the parent's, guardian's or legal custodian's own expense or to attend school with the person, or both.
 - k. Any other reasonable conditions consistent with this ordinance, including a curfew, restrictions as to going to or remaining on specified premises and restrictions on associating with other children or adults.
- (3) DISPOSITION FOR DROPOUTS. Upon a finding that a child is a dropout, the court may suspend the person's operating privilege until the person reaches the age of 18. The court shall immediately take possession of any suspended license and forward it to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation together with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension.

Passed at a regular session of the Village Board this 2nd day of February, 2000.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.


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