



## Truancy Review Board (TRB)

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. What is the Truancy Review Board?

The Truancy Review Board (TRB) was established to address the issue of truancy prior to students and parents/guardians being summoned to appear in Juvenile Court.

#### 2. Why are we here?

When your child has an excessive amount of excused/unexcused absences and attempts to rectify the situation by the school administration and the Truancy Outreach Specialist have been unsuccessful, the case is then referred to the TRB.

#### 3. Who are the people on the Truancy Review Board?

The board consists on personnel from the Dewitt-Livingston-Logan-McLean Regional Office of Education #17, representatives from many of the social service agencies in your county, educators, and juvenile court service representatives. The social service representatives are trained in counseling and other services designed to help children and families during difficult times.

#### 4. What does the Truancy Review Board do?

The TRB hears cases brought before it and attempts to assist families with strategies to improve attendance and when needed, to connect families with appropriate services. The board also informs students and parents of Illinois Statutes and makes recommendations.

#### 5. What is the objective of the board?

Our goal is to eliminate truant behavior, excessive absences, and address factors that are the source of this conduct. We do not want you and your child to have to appear in Circuit Court. We are here to help.

#### 6. What does the Truancy Review Board want from us?

Be open and honest. We can only be helpful if you want what we want. We want to see your child attend school daily and realize his/her academic potential.