

Attendance Laws

3321.01 – R.C.

A child between six and eighteen years of age is of “compulsory school age”---. The parents, guardians, or other persons who have the care of a child of compulsory school age shall instruct him or cause him to be instructed as provided in such sections, unless he is employed on age and schooling certificate, or shall have been determined to be mentally incapable of profiting substantially by further instruction.

3321.04 – R. C. (4849-3) Compulsory Attendance.

Every parent, guardian, or other person having charge of any child of compulsory school age who is not employed under an age and schooling certificate and who has not been determined to be incapable of profiting substantially by further instruction, must send such child to a public, private or parochial school for the full time the school attended is in session, which shall not be for less than thirty-two weeks per school year. Such attendance must begin within the first week of the school term or within one week of the date at which child begins to reside in the district or within one week after his withdrawal from employment.

3321.19- R.C. (4852-5) Examination of cases of supposed truancy; notice to parent or guardian.

On the request of the Superintendent of Schools or the Board of Education, or when it otherwise comes to his notice, the attendance officer shall examine into any case of supposed truancy within his district and warn the child, if found truant, and his parent, guardian, or other person in charge of him, in writing, of the legal consequences of truancy if persisted in. When any child of compulsory school age , in violation of law, is not attending school, the attendance officer shall notify the parent, guardian, or other person in charge of such child of the fact, and require such parent, guardian, or other person to cause the child to attend school forthwith; and the parent, guardian, or other person in charge of the child to do so, the attendance officer shall make complaint against the parent, guardian, or other person in charge of the child in any court of competent jurisdiction.

3321.22 –R.C. Juvenile Court proceedings.

If the parent, guardian, or other person in charge of a child, upon complaint of a failure to cause child to attend school or a part-time school or class, proves inability to do so, then such parent, guardian, or other person in charge of a child shall be discharged, and thereupon the attendance officer shall make complaint before the judge of the juvenile court of the county that the child is a delinquent child or dependent child within the meaning of section 2151.02 or 2151.04 of the Revised Code. Such judge shall hear the complaint, and if he determines that the child is a delinquent or dependent child within one of such sections, he shall deal with the child according to section 2151.35 or 2151.36 of the Revised Code.

3321.38- R.C. (12974) (12975) Failure to send child to school.

(A) No parent, guardian, or other person having care of a child of compulsory school age shall violate section 3321.01, 3321.04, ---, 3321.19, ---, or 3331.14 of the Revised Code. The court may require a

person convicted of violating this division to give bond in the sum of one hundred dollars with sureties to the approval of the court, conditioned that he will cause the child under his charge to attend upon instruction as provided by law, and remain as a pupil in the school or class during the term prescribed by law.

(B) No parent, guardian, or other person shall fail or refuse to pay a fine and costs for violating division (A) of this section of the Revised Code or fail to give bond as provided in this section.

3331.14 – R.C. (4851-13) Age and schooling certificate to be kept on file by parent or guardian.

The parent or guardian of a child of compulsory school age shall secure and keep on file the proper age and schooling certificate of his child or ward if such child or ward is employed by him and shall return such certificate as provided in section 3331.02 of the Revised Code, but a parent or guardian need not secure and keep on file a special or vacation certificate of his child or ward if such child or ward is to be employed by him personally when school is not in session.

2151.41 – R.C. Prohibition against abuse or abetting delinquency of a child.

No person shall abuse a child or aid, abet, induce, cause, encourage, or contribute to the dependency, neglect, or delinquency of a child or a ward of the juvenile court, or act in a way tending to cause delinquency in such child.

2151.99 – R. C. Penalties

(A) Whoever violates section 2151.51 of the Revised Code shall be fined not less than five nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned no more than six months, or both.