

Outline of Recommended Amendments to the Truancy Ordinance 2021

Section 11-51 Applicability (New Location within the Article)

1. Moved section 11-53 Applicability to Section 11-51
 - a. Allows for better readability and reader does not have to search the document to understand how this Ordinance applies to them
2. 11-51A1-2 **(New)** Added definition of Student and Adult Student
 - a. Changed age of student to 5 through 19th birthday. Broadened the age of student to better support student's in Kindergarten and those who may require an additional year of high school
 - b. Child was changed to Student throughout the Article and Adult Student was added as warranted
3. Moved Parent and Guardian definitions to this section from 11-52bc so all definitions are in one section

Section 11-52 School Defined

1. 11-52A **(New)** Changed age of student to 5 through 19th birthday. Broadened the age of student to better support student's in Kindergarten and those who may require an additional year of high school
2. 11-52A2abc **(New)** Added language to clarify the Academic Recovery Program and enforcement of the ARP and removed requirement to attend the ARP for those student's who are expelled. Suspension was changed to 2 or more days of suspension
3. 11-52B **(New)** Defined Home Schooling and clarified requirements
4. 11-52C **(New)** Added Online Education and specified requirements
5. 11-52D **(New)** Added language addressing disenrollment from school; students are required to re-enroll within 5 days
6. 11-52E3 Defined Hospitalization – Merged 11-51B16 into this definition
7. 11-52E16 **(New)** Specified educational requirements while in a Juvenile Detention Facility
8. 11-52E17 **(New)** Added Homebound as good cause for an absence along with Homebound definition and requirements
9. 11-52F1 **(New)** Revised entire subsection to clarify IEP and 504
10. 11-52F3 **(New)** Added a re-enrollment requirement for students who are expelled from school
11. 11-52I **(New)** Changed "excused" absences to 9 to align with A.R.S. 15-901(A)(1)

Section 11-53 Parental Responsibility

1. 11-53A **(New)** Added language to address adult student
2. 11-53B Moved the entire section 11-55 Providing Information to Truancy Officer under this subsection to keep like information together
 - a. **(New)** Added the requirement of providing written documentation for good cause absences
3. 11-53C Moved subsection 11-56G under this subsection to keep like information together; removed requirement of holding per capita for non-compliance of submission of Disclosure; added dates for compliance
4. 11-53C1 & C1a&b **(New)** Added dates for compliance of submission of the Disclosure; added fine(s) for non-compliance
5. 11-53C2 **(New)** Added language requiring parent/guardian or adult student to provide updates/changes to the Disclosure throughout the school year

Section 11-54 Truancy Officer and Duties

1. 11-54A1-4 Changed language to align with language in 11-52A
2. 11-54a6 Removed requirement for Truancy Officer to take student into custody
3. 11-54B1 Specified that the Truancy Officer is inquiring about absences/tardies

4. 11-54B2 **(New)** Updated this section to reflect change made in 11-54A6 The Truancy Officer will no longer take children into custody, however, needs to monitor them until the child can be released to a parent or FMYN agency
5. 11-54B3 Clarified when to make a report and to whom
6. 11-54C Changed CPS to WFS

Section 11-55 Providing Information to Truancy Officer

1. Moved entire section to 11-53 Parental Responsibility
 - a. Moved for ease of readability and keeping like information together

Section 11-55 Notice of Truancy and Fines

1. 11-55A-E **(New)** The Truancy Diversion Program was revamped and simplified to provide better support to families.
 - a. The specifics of the Truancy Diversion Program and Fines will be found in newly written Education policies and procedures

Section 11-56 Appeals

1. Changed Trial Court to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Court throughout section
2. 11-56D – Removed entire subsection; no longer applicable. Students will have community service requirements instead of fines

Section 11-57 Judgements

1. 11-57B Clarified language regarding enforcement of community service

Section 11-58 Severability

1. Corrected a typo