

# Truancy

## Background Reminder

House Bill (HB) 548, passed in the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, amends TEC 42.006 by adding Subsection (a-6) that requires local education agencies (LEAs) to report through PEIMS at a campus and grade level, the:

- number of children who are required to attend school, but do not attend without excuse for 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period of a school year but fail to do so;
- number of students for whom the district initiates a truancy prevention measure under TEC 25.0915 (a-4);
- number of parents of students against whom an attendance officer or other school official has filed a complaint under TEC 25.093 (PARENT CONTRIBUTING TO NONATTENDANCE).

## ➤ New Data Elements

### InterchangeStudentAttendance

- **NEW StudentTruancyExtension complex type**
  - E1523 TX-UNIQUE-STUDENT-ID
  - E0782 CAMPUS-ID-OF-ENROLLMENT
  - E0017 GRADE-LEVEL-CODE
  - **NEW** E1657 EXCESSIVE-UNEXCUSED-ABSENCE-INDICATOR-CODE
  - **NEW** E1658 TRUANCY-PREVENTION-MEASURE-INDICATOR-CODE
  - **NEW** E1659 TRUANCY-COMPLAINT-FILED-INDICATOR-CODE

### CAMPUS-ID-OF-ENROLLMENT (E0782)

- For StudentTruancyExtension, the CAMPUS-ID-OF-ENROLLMENT is the campus at which the student was enrolled when the student met the threshold of 10 or more unexcused absences for a day or parts of a day. When calculating the number of unexcused absences, include absences that have accumulated at other campuses within the LEA.

### GRADE-LEVEL-CODE (E0017)

- For StudentTruancyExtension, the GRADE-LEVEL-CODE indicates the grade level of the student at the time the student met the threshold of 10 or more unexcused absences for a day or parts of a day.

### **EXCESSIVE-UNEXCUSED-ABSENCE-INDICATOR-CODE (E1657)**

- Indicates a student who is required to attend school (age 6 to 18 years under TEC 25.086), but did not attend without excuse for 10 or more days or parts of days within a six month period of a school year. **An unexcused absence is defined as any absence that is not excused by state law or LEA local policy. A partial day is defined in accordance with LEA local policy.**

### **TRUANCY-PREVENTION-MEASURE-INDICATOR-CODE (E1658)**

- Indicates the LEA initiated a truancy prevention measure under TEC 25.0915 (a-4) for the student.

### **TRUANCY-COMPLAINT-FILED-INDICATOR-CODE (E1659)**

- Indicates whether an attendance officer or other school official has filed a complaint against a student's parent or legal guardian, under TEC 25.093.

There are no new **code tables** being added for Truancy. Existing PEIMS code tables will be used.

#### ➤ **Reporting Requirements**

Only report the student the **first** time the student reaches the threshold of 10 or more unexcused absences for a day or parts of days.

New Truancy indicators will be based on Code Table C088 – 0 or 1 value

#### ➤ **TSDS PEIMS Summer Report**

There will be a new report at the LEA and Campus level that will provide data for those students who are indicated as having Excessive Unexcused Absences, Truancy Prevention Measures, and/or a Truancy Complaint Filed.

The report will include the following information:

- Student Name
- Unique ID
- Local ID
- Student ID
- Campus ID of Enrollment
- Grade Level
- Excessive Unexcused Absence Indicator Code
- Truancy Prevention Measure Indicator Code
- Truancy Complaint Filed Indicator Code