

# Public Notice on Truancy

According to Washington State Code as stated in Onalaska School District Policy, all “parents of any child eight years of age and under eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend school and such child shall have the responsibility to and therefore shall attend for the full time when such school may be in session unless the child is enrolled in an approved private school, and educational center as provided in chapter 28A.205 RCW, or is receiving home-based instruction. Parents of any child six or seven years old, who have enrolled the child to attend school, shall cause the child to attend school for the full time when such school may be in session, unless the child is formally withdrawn from enrollment by the parents.” The superintendent may grant exceptions under certain specified conditions. According to statute as stated in policy, “any law enforcement officer authorized to make arrests can take a truant child into custody without a warrant and must then deliver the child to the parent or to the school”.