**COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE**

**Indiana Law**

**Source:** <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2018/ic/titles/020#20-33-2-4>

**IC 20-33-2-3.2**

**"Attend"**

Sec. 3.2. As used in this chapter, "attend" means to be physically present:

(1) in a school; or

(2) at another location where the school's educational program in which a person is enrolled is being conducted;

during regular school hours on a day in which the educational program in which the person is enrolled is being offered.

*As added by P.L.90-2011, SEC.41.*

**IC 20-33-2-4**

**Compulsory attendance**

Sec. 4. Subject to the specific exceptions under this chapter, a student shall attend either:

(1) a public school that the student is entitled to attend under [IC 20-26-11](http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2018/ic/titles/020#20-26-11); or

(2) another school taught in the English language.

[Pre-2005 Elementary and Secondary Education Recodification Citation: 20-8.1-3-17(a).]

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.17.*

**IC 20-33-2-5**

**Days of attendance**

Sec. 5. A student for whom education is compulsory under this chapter shall attend school each year for the number of days public schools are in session:

(1) in the school corporation in which the student is enrolled in Indiana; or

(2) where the student is enrolled if the student is enrolled outside Indiana.

[Pre-2005 Elementary and Secondary Education Recodification Citation: 20-8.1-3-17(d).]

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.17.*

**Helpful Article:** <https://www.lawyers.com/legal-info/research/education-law/what-happens-to-truants-and-their-parents-in-indiana.html#:~:text=Under%20the%20%E2%80%9Ccompulsory%20education%E2%80%9D%20laws,may%20legally%20drop%20out%20early.>

**Actions That Can Be Taken:**

* Call DCS
* Have local authorities do a wellness check
* The School Counselor or administrator(s) can do a home visit. It is recommended that at least two individuals attend
* Complete the clearinghouse form (this can be submitted at any time)
  + **First** go to the Clearinghouse website <https://www.in.gov/isp/3412.htm>
  + **Second** - fill out the Clearinghouse Graduation Rate Form - <https://soi.formstack.com/forms/indiana_clearinghouse_graduation_rate>
  + **Third** - after filling out the form the Clearinghouse will search if that student is indeed a missing person and they will report back to you within 14 working days. The worker I spoke with at the clearing house suggested to fil out the form online rather than try to print it and fill it out.
  + **Fourth** - You can contact the DOE at the same time to alert them that you have a potentially missing student. You do not need to wait to hear back from the Clearinghouse before completing this step. In order to contact the DOE you can email [schoolaccountability@doe.in.gov](mailto:schoolaccountability@doe.in.gov) to alert them that you have a potentially missing student.
  + \*\*If you need to call the Clearinghouse the number I tried online went to another office. The number I was given was 317-499-3204, but I would suggest trying both