

**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF YAKIMA
JUVENILE COURT**

(School District) Petitioner
vs.

Respondent(s)

Student

Student's D.O.B. ____/____/_____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

No:
**Findings and Order on Truancy
Petition**
 Findings of Truancy (ORFCT)
 Dismissal of Petition (ORDSM)

[_____] (Name of School)

[Clerk's Action Required]

Interpreter YES NO

This matter came before the court on _____ (date), upon petitioner's request that the court issue an order regarding truancy petition to compel the student's school attendance. The petitioner appeared through its representative, _____, the respondent student did did not appear, the parent(s)/guardian(s) did did not appear with attorney, _____. Based on the evidence presented at the hearing and the records herein, the court finds and orders as follows:

I. FINDINGS

- 1.1 The student parent(s)/guardian(s) were served with the Petition Regarding Truancy and the order setting this hearing.
- 1.2 The student parent(s)/guardian(s) are in default.
- 1.3 The student has failed to attend school as required in RCW 28A.225.005.
- 1.4 A drug and alcohol assessment is appropriate to the circumstances and behavior of the child and will help the child's compliance with the mandatory attendance law.
- 1.5 A mental health evaluation or other diagnostic evaluation is appropriate to the circumstances and behavior of the child and will help the child's compliance with the mandatory attendance law.
- 1.6 There is an immediate health and safety concern or a family conflict that needs mediation such that temporary out-of-home placement is necessary.
- 1.7 The parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student violated the provisions of RCW 28A.225.010.
- 1.8 The petitioning school district has informed the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) to analyze the causes of absences and has taken steps to eliminate or reduce the child's absences pursuant to RCW 28A.225.020.
- 1.9 The school district's petition should be stayed for a period of _____ days to allow the school district further opportunity to intervene with the student.
- 1.10 The school district's petition should be dismissed.
- 1.11 Other: _____.

II. ORDER

2.1 The school district's petition is dismissed.

2.2 This court assumes jurisdiction over the truancy of respondent student, until the student's 18th birthday _____ (other date).

2.3 The student is ordered to attend school on a regular basis in the _____ School District as directed by the school district and have no unexcused absences or tardies.

2.4 The student shall complete a drug and alcohol assessment, follow all recommendations in the assessment and abstain from unlawful use of controlled substances or alcohol.

2.5 The student shall complete a mental health evaluation or other diagnostic evaluation and follow all recommendations.

2.6 The parent(s)/guardian(s) are ordered to use reasonable diligence to ensure that the student attends school as required by this order.

2.7 The school district shall file with the court a written progress report by _____ (date within 3 months), and every _____ month(s) from the date of the first report.

The report must include the following: 1) any additional unexcused absences by the youth; 2) actions taken by the school district; 3) the outcome of the actions; and 4) an update on the youth's academic status.

If a report is not filed by the above date, and periodically after that date, the court may set a hearing, dismiss the petition, sanction the parties for lack of compliance, or take any other such action as the court deems appropriate.

2.9 This case is scheduled for a final review hearing on _____ (in approximately 6 months, but no earlier than the end of the current school year). If no other motions have been filed, the case will be dismissed.

2.10 Other: _____

Important! Failure of the student or parents/guardians to comply with the terms and conditions of this order may result in a finding of contempt. A student would be subject to community restitution or other sanctions. A parent/guardian would be subject to monetary fines not to exceed \$25.00 for each unexcused absence or community restitution.

Dated: _____

JUDGE/COURT COMMISSIONER

Prepared by:

Agreed as to form:

Representative for School District

► Parent's/ Guardian's signature

► Student's signature