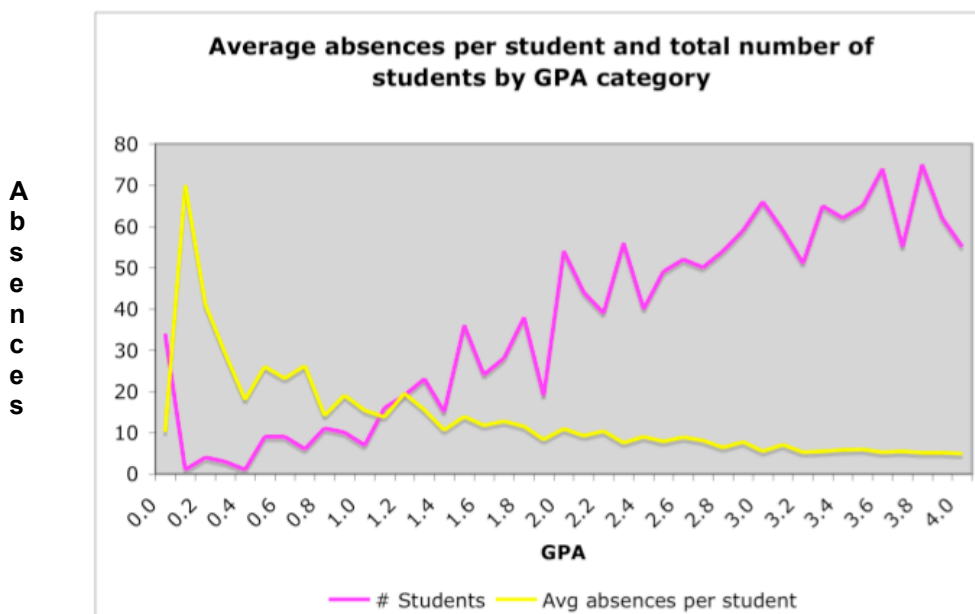


FAQs

FHS Pyramid of Interventions for Truancy – 2009-10

1. Why do we need a Pyramid of Interventions for Truancy?
 - A. Regular school attendance is necessary for mastery of the school program provided to the students of the District and a vital part of the student's preparation for business, personal, and social life. See Ferndale School District Board Policy.
2. What is the Pyramid of Interventions for Truancy and what does it mean to me?
 - A. It is a series of School Actions and Responses (consequences) to help reduce truancy and increase student learning.
3. What is truancy?
 - A. Any absence or tardy that is unexcused (UA). See the Student Rights & Responsibilities for the definition of an unexcused absence/tardy and valid reasons to miss class.
4. What are the consequences of having UAs?
 - A. See chart on the back of this sheet.
5. What are considered "school privileges"?
 - A. The following: (1) attendance at dances, (2) sporting events and activities, (3) parking / driving on campus, and (4) off campus privileges.
6. How long does my Loss of Privileges last?
 - A. Student loses privileges for 10 *consecutive school days*.
7. How do I get my privileges restored?
 - A. Loss of Privileges may be reinstated after 10 *consecutive school days* without an unexcused tardy or absence. The student may access IMS and petition for re-instatement of privileges. IMS will check attendance and re-instate privileges or calculate how many days are left before the student may reinstate the privileges. When a student receives a Loss of Privileges, they must surrender their FHS parking pass. When privileges are re-instated parking passes may be picked up at Miss Pollock's desk in the Main Office on the FHS Main Campus.
8. Does the "Pyramid" replace other discipline?
 - A. No, it is for truancy only. Other offenses are covered by the school's Progressive Discipline policy as listed in the Student Rights & Responsibilities.



Student Truancy Intervention Checklist Consequences & Interventions for Unexcused Absences

Level and Incidents	School Action and Response
Level 1 – 1-5 UA periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2 hrs Mandatory Study Table (MST)
Level 2 – 6-11 UA periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2 hrs MST ➤ Study Table Attendance Class ➤ Attendance Agreement ➤ Student Statement for Absences
Level 3 – 12-15 UA periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Student Truancy Conf. I – Parent, student & staff ➤ Saturday School ➤ Saturday Attendance Class ➤ School Attendance Video ➤ Student Truancy Questionnaire ➤ Student Statement for Absences ➤ Loss of Privileges: Students who have an excess of unexcused absences/tardies will lose privileges, including: (1) school dances, (2) parking / driving on campus, (3) school athletic and other events, (4) off campus lunch, and (5) other privileges. Loss of Privileges may be re-instated after ten (10) <i>consecutive school days</i> without an unexcused tardy or absence. The student may access IMS and petition for re-instatement of privileges.
Level 4 – 16-20 UA periods and/or 5-6 UA days:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Student Truancy Conf. II – Parent, Student & Administrator ➤ Student Statement for Absences ➤ Parent Statement for Student Absences ➤ Parent Questionnaire on Student Truancy ➤ 3-day Short-Term Suspension ➤ 3 days MST – 2 hrs each day ➤ Career Plan Essay ➤ Supp. Health Services/Activities ➤ Loss of Privileges: Students who have an excess of unexcused absences/tardies will lose privileges, including: (1) school dances, (2) parking / driving on campus, (3) school athletic and other events, (4) off campus lunch, and (5) other privileges. Loss of Privileges may be re-instated after ten (10) <i>consecutive school days</i> without an unexcused tardy or absence. The student may access IMS and petition for re-instatement of privileges.
Level 5 – 21-29 UA periods and/or 7-9 UA days:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 7 Day Short-Term Suspension ➤ Student Truancy Conference III – Parent, Student & Administrator ➤ Student Statement for Absences ➤ Parent Statement for Student Absences ➤ Schedule/School Modification – Potential Loss of Credit ➤ Court Petition ➤ Health/Behavioral Ref. & Assessment ➤ Loss of Privileges: Students who have an excess of unexcused absences/tardies will lose privileges, including: (1) school dances, (2) parking / driving on campus, (3) school athletic and other events, (4) off campus lunch, and (5) other privileges. Loss of Privileges may be re-instated after ten (10) <i>consecutive school days</i> without an unexcused tardy or absence. The student may access IMS and petition for re-instatement of privileges.
Level 6 – 30+ UA periods and/or 10 UA days:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Long-Term Suspension ➤ Loss of Credit for Classes ➤ Student Truancy Conf. IV – Parent, Student & Administrator ➤ Student Statement for Absences ➤ Parent Statement for Student Absences ➤ Schedule/School Modification or Work Exp – Potential Loss of Credit ➤ Court Petition ➤ Health/Behavioral Ref. & Assessment ➤ Loss of Privileges: Students who have an excess of unexcused absences/tardies will lose privileges, including: (1) school dances, (2) parking / driving on campus, (3) school athletic and other events, (4) off campus lunch, and (5) other privileges. Loss of Privileges may be re-instated after ten (10) <i>consecutive school days</i> without an unexcused tardy or absence. The student may access IMS and petition for re-instatement of privileges.