

I plan to join the military, so why does an education matter?



- Recruitment into the service requires a high school diploma or a GED.
- Even with a GED, 15 credit hours of completed college course material is required if you do not have a diploma.
- Upon entering the service, your level of education impacts how far you can advance in rank.



What if I want to work in construction and join a trade organization?

- To be certified and complete trade apprenticeships, a minimum of a high school diploma or GED is required followed by trade classes that are mandatory.
- Even working in an auto shop can require certifications to be obtained

Are there any other tips for having a successful school year?



Be Respectful

- Arguing, using inappropriate language and being disruptive towards classmates and teachers can violate school code of conduct. Showing respect brings respect.

Keep your hands to yourself

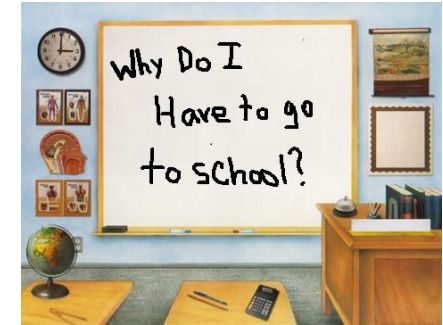
- Fighting and using physical force against another person is called assault. It can lead to not only discipline by the school but trouble with the law as well.

Put in the effort, but have fun

- Having homework doesn't mean you can't have fun too. Just learn to prioritize your time now so you can enjoy life later.

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SCHOOL TRUANCY:



WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

An informative guide for children on the importance of attending school through high school graduation



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What is Truancy?

- School truancy is when a child willfully and repeatedly absents himself or herself from school or other learning program intended to meet the juvenile's educational needs



According to Michigan Law

- All children must attend school or another form of organized learning program from age 6 until their 18th birthday.
- Children are required to follow and meet rules and expectations set forth by the school or program.
- Choosing to not attend school or follow the rules of the school can bring the child under the jurisdiction of the court.

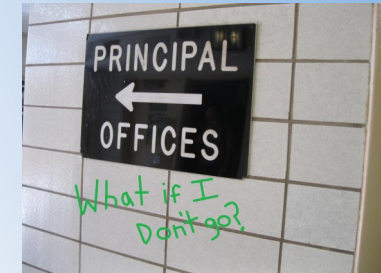
THE PLUSES...



The Benefits of an Education

- **Employment:** A High School graduate is almost twice as likely to find employment opportunities; while a high school drop out is unemployed at a rate twice as high as the national average.
- **Salary:** A high school graduate earns, on average, \$10,000 dollars more per year than someone without a high school education. Likewise, a college graduate earns \$33,000 more per year than someone without a high school diploma.
- **Options:** A high school diploma opens up the door to far more choices in what you want to do with your life. Whether it is going to college, joining the military or even seeking a trade apprenticeship, all have a basic educational requirement equivalent to a high school education.

...AND THE MINUSES



Outcomes from not attending school may include:

- Failing to attend classes can result in having to pay for alternative forms of education or attend summer school to make classwork up.
- In some states — such as Florida and California — poor school attendance can lead to a loss or delay of obtaining a driving permit until you turn 18 years old.
- If attendance issues are not addressed, you could end up in court, on probation or with a juvenile record. 90% of all children in juvenile detention have a history of truancy.
- Choosing to earn a GED in place of a diploma still takes preparation. That preparation will take time and effort, may cost money for guide books or prep classes, and require skills typically learned while attending school.