

Long Beach Unified School District

Truancy Counseling Center

Purpose of the Truancy Counseling Center

- To deter suspensions and truancy
- To serve as an alternative for suspension of students to home
- To provide a service for parents, students and school staff.

The TCC generates funding (ADA) for Long Beach Unified School District; the program is self-sustaining. The Truancy Counseling Center is linked to and with the courts, police, probation and social service agencies.

While at the Truancy Counseling Center, students are expected to complete work assigned to them and/or to read. They are to practice behavior that is appropriate in the classroom and school environment and quietly reflect on why they were assigned to TCC. The objective is to teach students to assume responsibility for their behavior and to learn to exercise self-control.

TCC is a safe place for students during the school day. The assignment of students to TCC provides a service to the community. There is less daytime crime. Parents are able to carry out their work responsibilities and other commitments without worrying about how their children are supervised. Probation officers and social service caseworkers are able to contact and work with their clients while they are in the Truancy Counseling Center.

Assistance is provided for parents who are dealing with difficult or out-of-control children. Information is also provided regarding social service agencies where parents can seek additional help. Parents are given tools to empower them as they work toward modifying the behavior of their difficult children.