

Top Reasons to Graduate

- Advance your Education
- Gain Valuable Life Skills
- Earn More Money
- For Parents and Guardians
- See Greater Career Opportunities
- Gain Steady Employment
- Live a Longer, Healthier Life
- Contribute to Society
- Be a Role Model

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AIM**

ATTENDANCE
INTERVENTION
MEETING

An Early Intervention Process to Address
Truancy and Encourage High School
Graduation and Beyond



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School Attendance is the Law

Minnesota law requires that every child between 7 and 17 years of age receive an education.



Truancy

Students who miss one or more class periods over 7 different days without a legal excuse are considered “habitual truants.”

Truancy is often an indicator for more serious underlying problems such as alcohol or chemical use, family problems, physical or mental health issues, peer pressure, bullying and/or child neglect.

Students who are habitual truants, and their parents, can be petitioned to court to address the truancy problem.

However, a variety of voluntary interventions and services are offered prior to bringing a truancy case to court.

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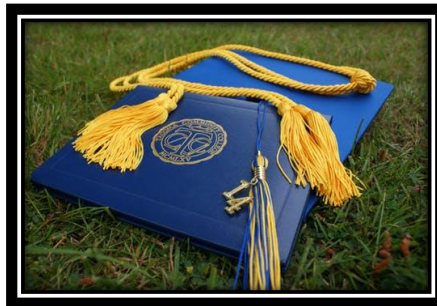
AIM stands for Attendance Intervention Meeting.

This is the first step of progressive intervention and services offered to support families and children in keeping children in school and combating truancy.

Middle schools and high schools monitor and track students’ attendance.

When a student between the ages of 12 – 17 years old has missed one or more class periods on three to five different days of school, the schools will notify the County Attorney’s Office.

The County Attorney’s Office will then sends a letter to the student and their parent(s)/guardian(s) inviting them to attend AIM.



AIM is facilitated by the Washington County Attorney’s Office and is held October through May from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. twice per month in both Stillwater and Cottage Grove.

The AIM meeting is designed to send a compelling message to students and their parents/guardians about the common factors that contribute to truancy, resources and methods available to effectively address these concerns, the pitfalls of continuing to truant, and the tremendous importance of high school graduation.

The truancy intervention and court process is explained, including what actions the court can take to direct the behavior of the students and parent(s)/guardian(s).

Resources for services are provided, and school officials are also present to answer questions and resolve issues.