

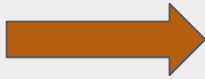
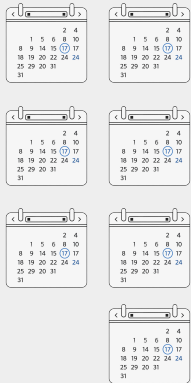
Attendance Rules Overview

Made in preparation for the Finance Committee meeting held May
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The Problem: Inconsistent Definitions mean Inconsistent Application of Law

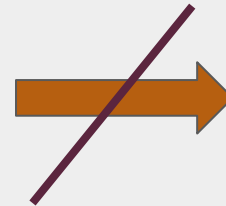
School A

Calculates Truancy by
Class Period



School B

Calculates Truancy by
Day



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R277-100

Terminology Baseline.
Consistent definitions that work for all other purposes and rules.

R277-484

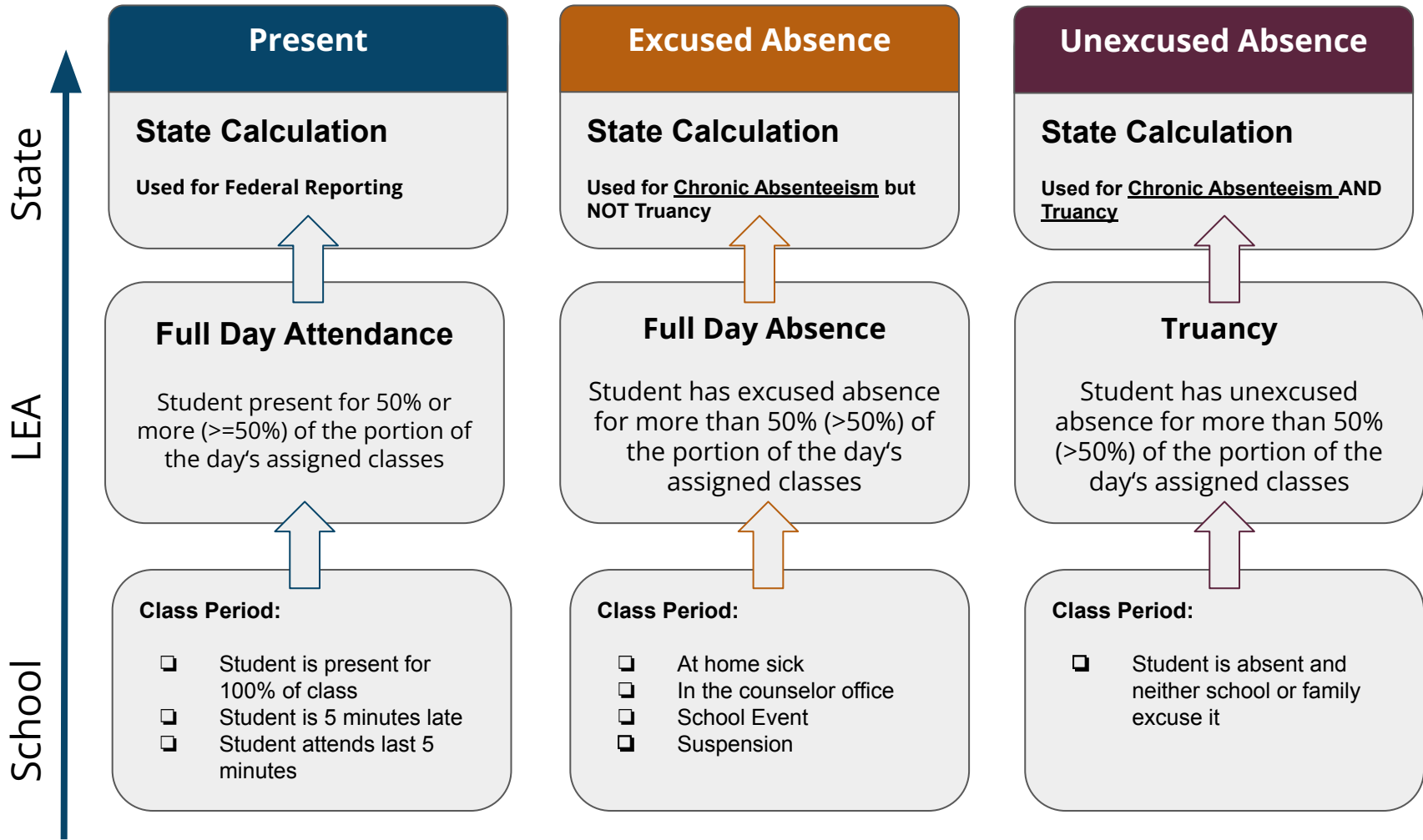
Procedures and consistency for **collecting and entering data.**

R277-419

Procedures for how data will be used to **calculate funding.**

R277-607

How to deal with attendance issues including **types of excused absences and best practices.**





Attendance Validated

A class where a student shows up at a specific, scheduled time to be taught directly by a teacher, whether that happens in a physical classroom or over a live video call.



Learner Validated

A self-paced or online class where a student learns on their own schedule. Instead of counting "seat time," the school counts the student's actual work, progress, and regular check-ins with their assigned teacher to prove they are learning.

What is being changed today?

Recent 2026 legislation tightened the definitions of both attendance- and learner-validated programs by introducing strict accountability mandates—such as requiring a dedicated **"teacher of record"** and verified academic integrity—to ensure that flexible, self-paced education remains fully supervised and rigorously supported to maintain state funding.