

By the numbers

Officials had hoped a law that would cost truant students their driver's licenses would give them a new weapon with which to combat truancy. Although a conflict between the license measure and a federal student privacy law has delayed implementation, some are working to revive it.

2005	Chronic truants	Enrollment	Rate
Total Elementary	548	14,297	3.8%
Total Middle	571	5,693	10%
Total High	1,477	7,474	19.8%
District Total	2,596	27,464	9.5%

2006	Chronic truants	Enrollment	Rate
Total Elementary	764	14,152	5.4%
Total Middle	593	5,817	10.2%
Total High	1,269	7,487	16.9%
District Total	2,626	27,456	9.6%

2007	Chronic truants	Enrollment	Rate
Total Elementary	478	14,281	3.3%
Total Middle	312	5,916	5.3%
Total High	1,078	7,590	14.2%
District Total	1,868	27,787	6.7%

Note: Chronic truancy is defined as missing 18 or more school days without a valid excuse.

Source: Rockford Register Star archives