

Truancy By-Law
Adopted - Special Town Meeting
March 6, 1865

- Section 1: All Children residing in the Town of Somerset, between the ages of seven and sixteen years, shall be required to attend some school, or other suitable place of instruction, at least twelve weeks in a year unless there be some sufficient reason to the contrary.
- Section 2: All persons failing to comply with the provisions of the foregoing section, and all children belonging to any of the public schools of said town who shall be habitual truants therefore, shall be liable to a fine of not more than four dollars upon each and every conviction of either of the offences herein described.
- Section 3: All persons between the ages aforesaid belonging to any public school of said town, who shall, without sufficient excuse therefore, be deemed and taken to be, habitual truant there from.
- Section 4: There shall annually be chosen by the Selectmen of Somerset, in the month of March or April, three persons, who alone shall be authorized, in case of a violation of these By-laws to make complaint and to carry into execution the sentence there on who shall be known and denominated as Truant Officer.
- Section 5: Any Trail of Justice shall have jurisdiction of all offences under these By-laws.

Annual Town Meeting
March 31, 1879
Article 7

To adopt the By-law as approved by the Board of Education in regards to truant children.

A True Copy, Attest:

Dolores Berge, Town Clerk