## Truancy Reduction Program

Is a partnership between local law enforcement and the Board of Education, designed to encourage our students to stay in school.

Children between the ages of 6 and 15 who are in a public place during the hours when students are required to be in attendance at either a public or non-public school will be approached by a local police officer or a Plainfield Board of Education Security Officer and taken to the Alpha Academy. Once the parent and truant child are reunited, the student is admitted back into their respective school.



Local business merchants:

If You See Something, Say Something.

CALL 908-731-4200 ext. 5443

### IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

CITY OF PLAINFIELD

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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THE Union County Prosecutor's Office

PLAINFIELD CURFEW ORDINANCE 10:8-8

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## Truancy Reduction Program (TRP)

Truancy is considered to be one of the top 10 problems facing schools across America.

Truancy is defined as an absence from school that is not excused by the parent/guardian or the school. The Plainfield Public School system considers 5 unexcused absences within a grading period as a habitual truant student. Clearly, this is an early warning sign of students headed for potential delinquent activity, social isolation, or educational failure via suspension, expulsion or dropping out of school.



The City of Plainfield in 2005 adopted a Curfew Ordinance 10:8-8, which makes it unlawful for students, ages 6-15, to be in a public place during school hours.

## What Can Be Done?

The Truancy Reduction Program (TRP) is designed to keep our children in school. Businesses, government, schools and the community must work together to ensure the educational success of our children.

Local businesses and merchants are encouraged to call your local authorities or the



Plainfield Public Schools want YOU to get involved. Board of Education when you observe school age children hanging out in public places during school hours.

Community groups such as block associations and senior citizens groups are encouraged to call the police or the schools when they observe school age children during school hours playing hooky.

It all adds up to the City of Plainfield helping to raise our children by keeping them in school.

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## Alpha Academy

- Truancy Program location
- Administrators/Security Officers and Police Officers on site
- · Attendance Officer
- Address verification
- Parent/Guardian involvement
- School notification
- Code of Conduct Agreement

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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