

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DELTA, GUNNISON, HINSDALE, MONTROSE, OURAY AND SAN MIGUEL COUNTIES

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING POLICY OF 7<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT ON THE  
USE OF DETENTION IN A TRUANCY PROCEEDING AO 16-3

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Senate Bill 15-184 mandates district-wide policies addressing the use of detention in truancy cases; and has stated that each District create a policy that seeks alternatives to the use of detention as a sanction for truancy.

The Chief Judge has conferred with representatives from all public school districts in the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, representatives from the Department of Human Services, and members of the local House Bill 1451 IOG, and a unanimous determination has been made on the most appropriate policy that would address the needs of students appearing in truancy court in our jurisdiction.

None of the local school districts have filed a truancy case in quite some time, but the districts wish to retain the possibility of doing so.

Each district will continue to work independently on their own plans to encourage attendance of students as they deem appropriate including the use of “Check and Connect” or other evidence based programs funded by the districts or in part by the House Bill 1451 IOG, the Departments of Human Services or other entities.

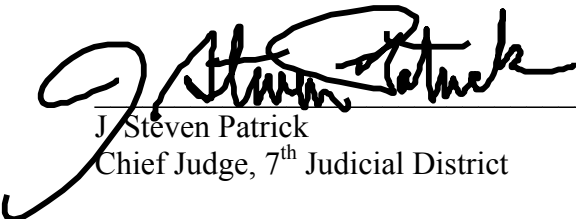
**IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

It is the official policy of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District that detention is not appropriate in truancy cases and will not be used as a sanction for failing to attend school, even after a student is court ordered to do so.

The only exception to this policy is for direct contempt occurring in the Court, indirect contempt for acts or inaction other than simply the failure to attend school or a failure to appear for court.

This Order is effective immediately.

DONE this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Febr., 2016.

  
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J. Steven Patrick  
Chief Judge, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District