

57232 Internal Truancy in Secondary Schools

I would like to request the following information in relation to Secondary Schools only.

All recorded instances of 'internal truancy' within schools over the past three years, (internal truancy being incidents of pupils not being in class but elsewhere within the school campus), broken down by:

- Year
- School

And including:

- Any details recorded (excluding anything which may break GDPR)
- Action taken by the school

Please refer to the table below which provides the number of 'openings' (half days) where the code 'SCH' was used to record attendance in each school in each year.

The 'SCH' code represents, "In School but not in Class". This is what we have deemed to represent an "instance of internal truancy".

School Name	2023	2024	2025 to Date
Balerno Community High School	5,764	5,797	4,992
Boroughmuir High School	4,454	4,316	3,067
Broughton High School	5,234	8,309	4,941
Castlebrae Community Campus	3,330	7,007	5,256
Craigmount High School	10,625	10,206	6,715
Craigroyston Community High School	4,337	10,111	5,649
Currie Community High School	11,511	9,967	7,865
Drummond Community High School	4,914	3,826	2,173
Firrhill High School	5,043	4,412	3,441
Forrester High School	5,778	6,912	4,548
Gracemount High School	7,003	7,246	4,667
Holy Rood Roman Catholic High School	7,787	8,146	6,609
James Gillespie's High School	13,911	10,986	12,389
Leith Academy	10,199	8,285	5,240
Liberton High School	5,151	2,959	1,650
Portobello High School	13,390	13,827	9,295
Queensferry Community High School	7,229	8,314	5,396
St Augustine's Roman Catholic High School	7,263	9,282	8,394
St Thomas of Aquin's Roman Catholic High School	4,828	5,527	3,185
The Royal High School	11,042	10,816	5,711
Trinity Academy	6,448	7,493	6,368
Tynecastle High School	6,181	7,321	4,406
Wester Hailes High School	5,351	7,388	4,414

The details of each instance and actions taken by the schools are not centrally recorded and would require the manual search of records held by each secondary school.

We are unable to provide the further detailed information requested as the cost to the Council of locating, retrieving and providing the information far exceeds the statutory maximum of £600.