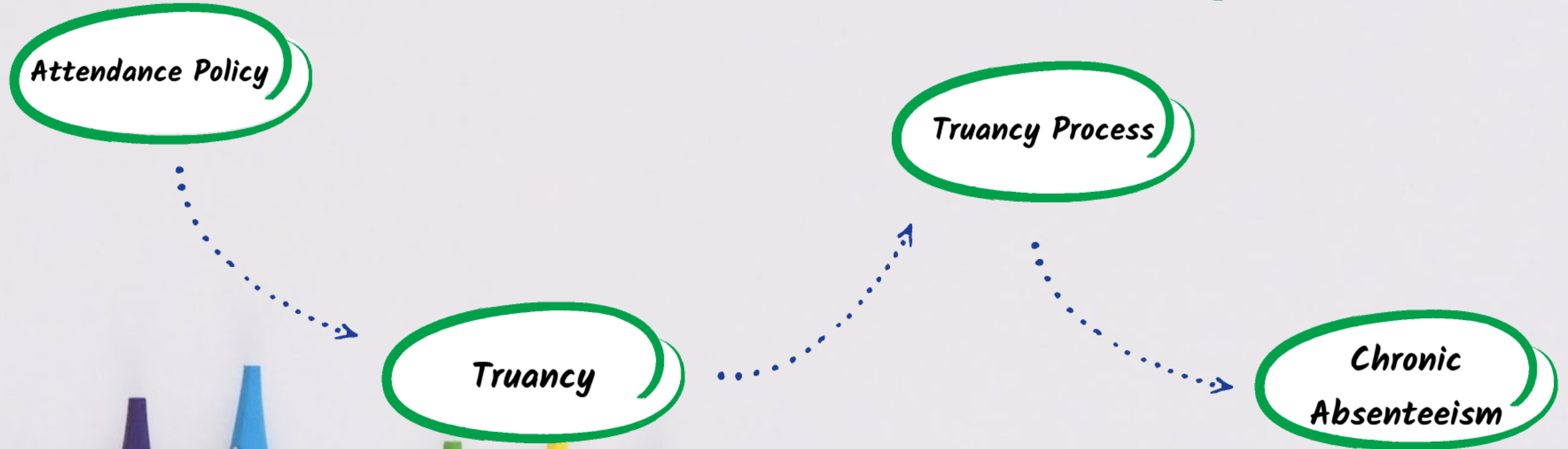


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Policy

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*Check-In /
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Policy

- After the eighth (8th) parent excused absence, a doctor's excuse, legal excuse, or an excuse pertaining to a death in the family must be submitted to the appropriate school within three (3) days of the students return to school.
- It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements for all make-up work. Students will be given make-up work upon return to school; however, to be counted as a grade, students must turn in an excuse within three (3) days of their return to school.

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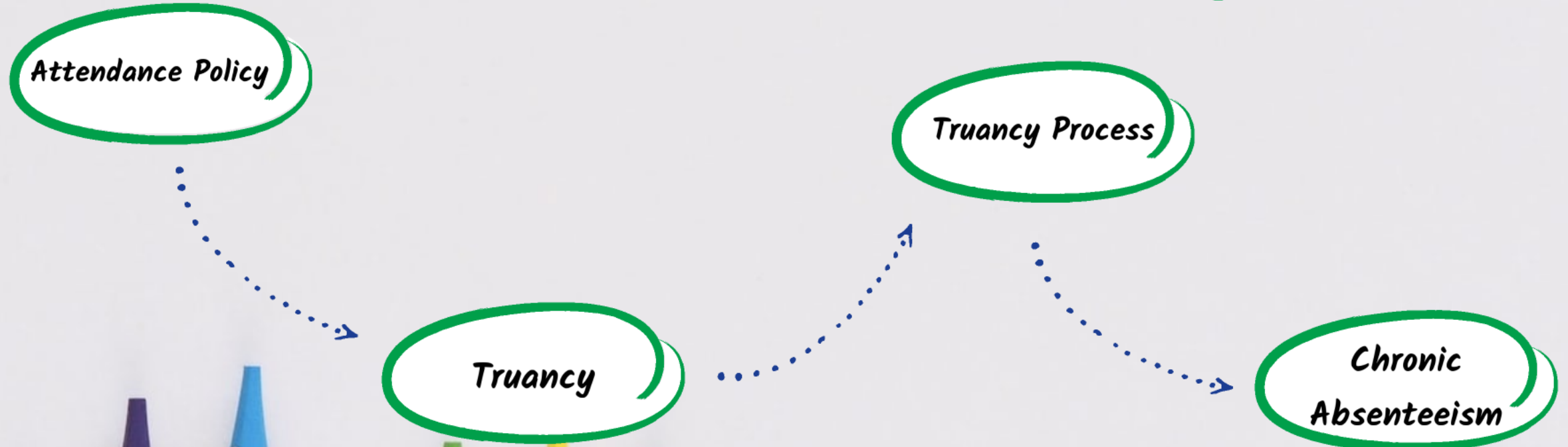
- All make-up work shall be completed within two (2) days after an absence.
- No make-up work will be given after the eighth (8th) parent excused absence without a doctor's excuse, legal excuse, or an excuse pertaining to a death in the family.
- Thus, in order for a student to pass, academic grades must be sufficient to overcome zeros received while absent.

Check-In / Check-Out Policy

- Students arriving late to school (checking-in/this includes tardies to school) or leaving school early (checking-out) may do so only with a parent physically coming to the school or a verified written permission of the parents/guardians.
- Students in grades K-6 must attend 51% of the day to be counted as present for the day.
- Students in grades 7-12 must attend 51% of a period to be counted present.
- If a student in any grade attends school less than 51% of the day, he/she will be counted absent for the day.

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Truancy

The act of intentionally and regularly missing school without a valid excuse.

State Truancy

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State Truancy Definition

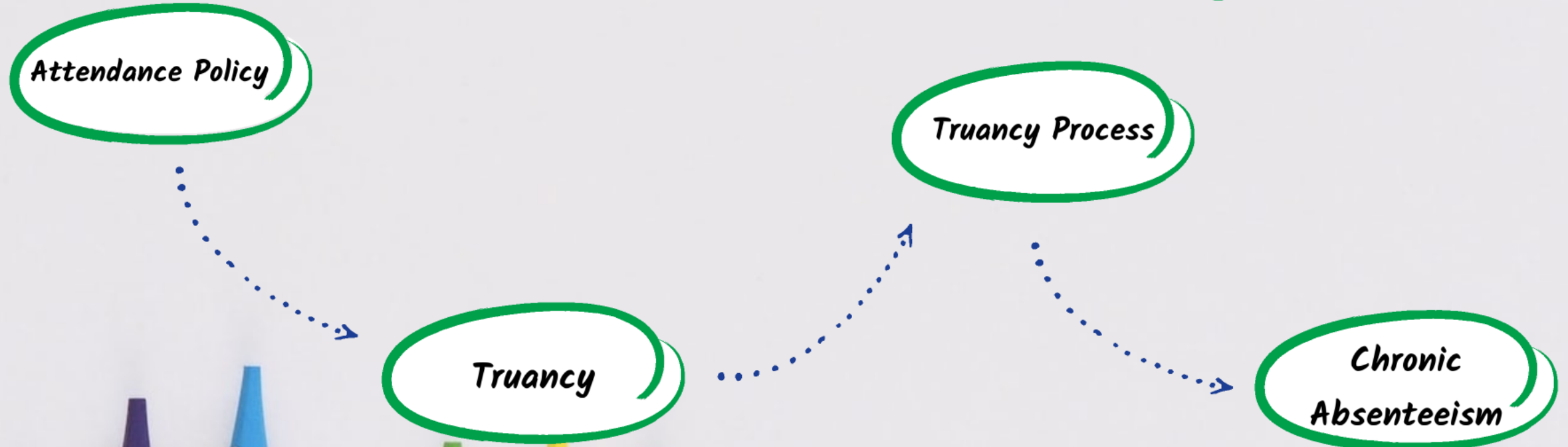
- A parent, guardian, or other person having charge of any child officially enrolled in Alabama public schools (K-12) shall explain in writing the cause of any and every absence of the child no later than three (3) school days following return to school.
- A failure to furnish such explanation shall be evidence of the child being truant each day he is absent.

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- The child shall also be deemed truant for any absence determined by the principal to be unexcused based on the State Department of Education's current School Attendance Manual.
- Seven (7) unexcused absences within a school year constitutes a student being truant for the purpose of filing a petition with the court.

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Truancy Process

These steps will be followed to meet the requirements of the Alabama State Truancy Law for Students in all grades K-12.

Truancy Process

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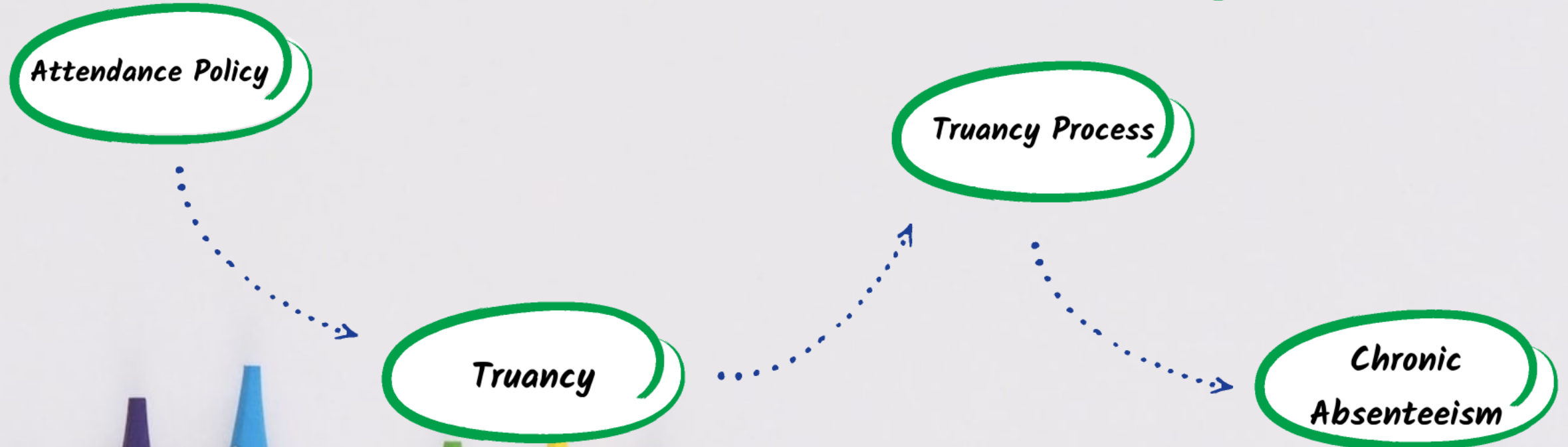
- First unexcused absence:
 - Step 1: Form letter sent home notifying parents of laws/ procedures and dates of unexcused absences.
- Third unexcused absence:
 - Step 2: Attempt made to contact family concerning student's attendance by the Helping Families Initiative (HFI) Officer through the District Attorney's Office.

Truancy Process

- Fifth unexcused absence:
 - Step 3: HFI Officer confers with the building principal to ensure the District Attendance Officer mails a letter notifying the parents of the date and time of the mandatory early warning program conference. Attendance at this Conference is mandatory except where prior arrangements have been made or an emergency exists. Failure to appear at the early warning programs may result in the filing of a petition against the parent (failure to cooperate), or truancy against the child, whichever is appropriate.
- Seventh unexcused absence:
 - Step 4: Petition filed against the child and/or parent/guardian with the Cleburne County Circuit Clerk or truancy charge filed with the Juvenile Probation Officer against the child.

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Chronic Absenteeism

A student who misses 18 or more school days (excused or unexcused) during a school year.

***Chronic
Absenteeism***

Importance

School Report Card

- Other than being imperative to school success, attendance (chronic absenteeism) is one of the scoring components in our schools annual report card.
- The less students we have deemed as having chronic absenteeism, the higher our score for this indicator.

Facts

- By 6th grade, chronic absences become a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
- Missing 10 percent of the school year (18 days) and being chronically absent is just two days per month.
- Poor attendance is a leading indicator on whether kids can read proficiently by grade 3 or will be held back.
- Excused and unexcused absences have the same negative effect on student academic performance.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

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