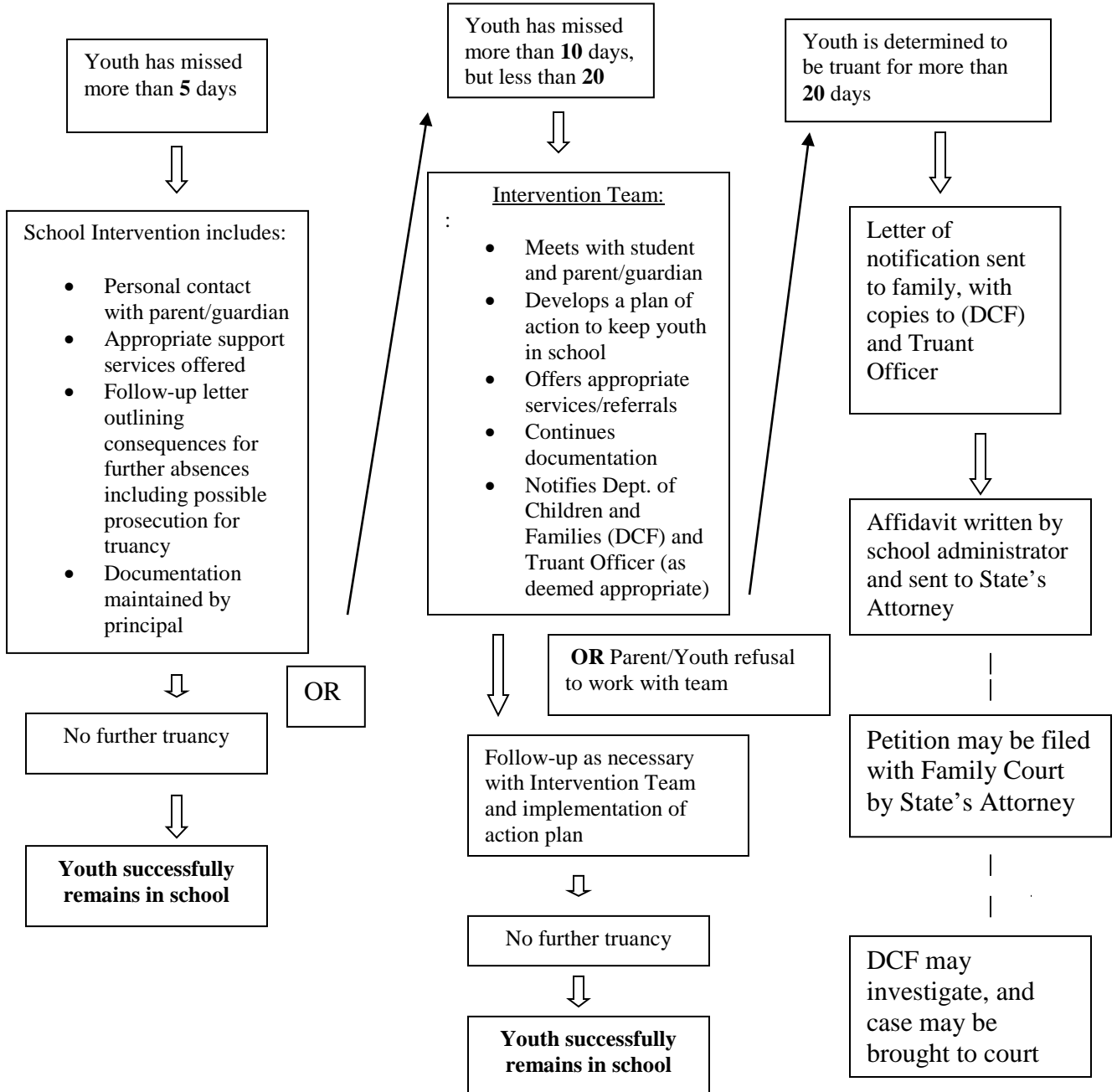


WASHINGTON SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION  
Northfield and Roxbury School Districts

**ATTENDANCE/TRUANCY PROTOCOL**

Staying in school is the first step to a good education. Students cannot learn if they are not in school. Absences from school for any reason (illness, vacation, religious holidays, family deaths and others) affect a student's ability to learn and succeed. Truancy is inappropriate absence from school, which is defined as unexcused or insufficient excuse for absence. After five inappropriate absences, the procedures will be followed:

**PROCEDURE:**



**\*Districts utilize their own interventions and contacts with students and families prior to beginning the process. This ensures that the students and families have been informed of the attendance policy. The onset of this process is left to the individual school's discretion.**