



## Truancy

- ④ The Executive Council is responsible for ensuring that the compulsory education law for the BES-islands (Leerplichtwet BES) is enforced on Saba and appoints to it a compulsory education officer/ truancy officer.
- ④ The truancy officer monitors if children/youngsters between the age of 4 to 16 are registered in school and attend school regularly. If a youngster has not completed secondary education successfully at the age of 16, he/she is obliged to continue until the age of 18.
- ④ All children have the right to an education, and a truancy officer is responsible for safeguarding this right.
- ④ The truancy officer invites parents/guardians and, if deemed necessary, the student to a hearing meeting after the Principal/Director of a school has reported a student due to suspected unauthorized absenteeism of 16 periods/hours.
- ④ The truancy officer can grant or deny leave of absence requests by the parents/guardian for their son/daughter to be absent during school days.
- ④ The truancy officer collaborates with other stakeholders such as JGCN, Court of Guardianship, Community Police, Social Worker(s) in students' education and well-being.
- ④ The truancy officer can give parents/guardians an oral or written warning and even send an official report to the Prosecutors Office in Bonaire, resulting in taking Legal action against the parents/guardian.