

What happens to the student grant if you skip school?

The student grant is money you receive from CSN when you attend upper secondary school. Its purpose is to alleviate finances for students. To receive the student grant you must study full-time. In the event of truancy, you can lose the student grant.

If the school deem you to have unauthorized absence, they report it to CSN. We will then send a letter to you or your parents in which we explain what the school has reported regarding your absence.

If you think the school's information is incorrect, you can contact your school. Since you are not entitled to student grant when you skip school, we stop payment of the student grant.

When the school notifies us that your truancy has stopped, you are entitled to the student grant again.

If you have received too much money

If you have received money you are not entitled to due to truancy, you must pay this money back. Initially we deduct the money from your next payments during the academic year.

If the truancy continues and you consequently do not receive further payments, we send you or your parents a demand. We do this even if your future payments will not cover the amount you must repay. A demand means that you receive a payment form indicating the amount you must repay.

Other grants can be affected

Remember that it is not only the student grant that is affected by truancy. If you receive a boarding supplement, an extra supplement or an

apprenticeship allowance from CSN, you will also lose those. Grants from the Swedish Social Insurance Agency (Försäkringskassan) can also be affected, such as a housing allowance, a maintenance allowance and a large family supplement.

What counts as truancy?

If you skip school repeatedly without approval from the school, the school will report it to CSN.

In some cases, there may be specific reasons for the unauthorised absence, such as bullying. The school then decides if the absence should be reported to CSN or not.

If you are sick often, the school may require you to submit a doctor's note. If you do not submit a doctor's note, this may affect whether the absence is considered permissible or not.

