

TRUANCY

TEXAS EDUCATION CODE (TEC) & FAMILY CODE (TFC)

TEC:25086-COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: A child who is at least six years of age, or is younger than six years of age and has previously been enrolled in the first grade, and who has not yet reached the child's 19th birthday shall attend school. On enrollment in pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, a child shall attend school.

TEC:25095-WARNING NOTICES: (a) A school district shall notify a student's parent at the beginning of the school year that if the student is unexcused from school on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school:

- 1) the student's parent is subject to prosecution under Section 25.093; and
 - 2) The student is subject to referral to truancy court for truancy conduct under Section 65.003(a) (TFC)
- (b) A school district shall notify a student's parent if the student has been absent from school, without excuse under Section 25.087, on three days or parts of days within a four-week period. The notice must inform the parent that it is the parent's duty to monitor the student's school attendance and require the student to attend school; and the student is subject to truancy prevention measures under Section 25.0915; and attend a conference between school officials and the parent to discuss the absences. The fact that the parent did not receive the notice does not create a defense in court under Section 25.093 or under Section 65.003(a) (TFC).

TFC:65003-TRUANT CONDUCT: A child defined as 12 years or older and younger than 19 years of age engages in truant conduct if the child is required to attend school under Section 25.085 (TEC), and fails to attend school on 10 or more days or parts of days in a six-month period.

TFC:25093-PARENT CONTRIBUTING TO NON-

ATTENDANCE: The parent with criminal negligence fails to require the child to attend school as required by law, and the child has unexcused absences for 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period.

SUPPORT OUTSTANDING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AT HOME BY:

- Making sure your child gets enough sleep and a nutritious breakfast each day.
- Helping your child develop a positive attitude toward school and learning and encouraging him/her to participate in school activities.
- Explaining Compulsory Education-by law all students must attend school daily and on time.
- Teaching the benefits of good attendance and consequences of poor attendance.
- Creating back-up systems. (alternative plans for getting to and from school)
- Creating morning and evening routines.
- Posting school calendars, school attendance policy, and schedules in a visible place.
- Gaining access to TXConnect and monitoring your child(ren)'s up-to-the-minute progress online.
- Making your school aware of any issues that may be affecting your child's attendance.
- Making sure your child's school has accurate daytime contact information including cell phone number and/or e-mail address.
- Notifying school staff if your child suffers from a chronic health condition and how this condition is impacting school attendance.



The foundation of student academic success is excellent attendance. BISD wants to partner with all parents to ensure students attend regularly and to address any issues that impact attendance.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE = STUDENT SUCCESS



School Attendance - A Guide for Parents -

BISD expects all students to maintain a 96% or better attendance rate.

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