



Dear Parent/Guardian,

You are hereby given notice of the **Navajo Nation Truancy Law regarding Compulsory Education Law** in the state of Arizona which states:

Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) 15-803

- A. Every child between the ages of six and sixteen years shall attend a school and shall be provided instruction in at least the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies and science. The person who has custody of the child shall choose a public, private, charter, or home school as defined in this section to provide instruction.
- B. The parent or person who has custody shall do the following:
 - If the child will attend a public, private or charter school, enroll the child and ensure that the child attends a public, private or charter school for the full time school is in session.
 - If a child attends a school which is operated on a year-round basis, the child shall regularly attend during school sessions that total not less than one hundred seventy-five school days or two hundred school days, as applicable, or the equivalent as approved by the superintendent of public instruction.

10NNC§118 Student Attendance:

- A. Every person who has a Navajo Child or Navajo children under his or her care between the ages of five and eighteen years shall assure attendance of the child or children in school. For purpose of this Section, a child shall be deemed to be five years old only if he or she has fifth birthday prior to September first of the school year to which this policy is applied. This policy pertains to attendance by children who have not yet graduated from high school. Local school governing boards shall develop programs to improve regular school attendance in compliance with this policy;

10NNC§502 Compulsory School Attendance:

“Education in Navajo schools shall be compulsory as to children between the ages of five and eighteen years as prescribed and defined in 10NNC§118 of the Navajo Education Policies.”

10NNC§503 Application of State Law and Navajo Nation Law:

“The Navajo Nation Council consents to the application of state compulsory school attendance law to the Indians of the Navajo Nation and their enforcement on Indian lands of the Navajo Nation wherever an established public school district lies or extends within the Navajo Nation. In addition, 10NNC§118 of the Navajo Nation education policies regarding compulsory attendance shall apply to all Navajo minors between the ages of five and eighteen and to all persons having care and custody of such minors who are within the civil or criminal jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation.”

Student Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____