

PARENT NOTICE:

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is critical to a student's success in school.

In accordance with Texas Public School Law, a school district must give notice to the student's parent/guardian, in writing, at the beginning of the school year, that if the student is absent (unexcused) from school on 10 or more days or parts of days within a 6 month period in the same school year or if the student is absent (unexcused) on 3 or more days or parts of days within a 4 week period that the student's parent and/or the student are subject to prosecution under the law.

The student's parent is subject to prosecution under Section 23.093 and the student is subject to referral to a truancy court for truant conduct under Section 65.003.

The school district is further required to notify any student's parent if their student has been absent from school, without an excuse, on 3 days or parts of days within a 4 week period. By law, this notice shall include informing the parent that it is the parent's duty to monitor their student's school attendance and require the student to attend school and the student is subject to truancy prevention measures under Section 25.0915. This notice must also include a request for a conference between school officials and the parent to discuss the absences. The law states that even if the parent does not receive a notice from the school, this does not create a defense to prosecution under Section 25.095 (c) or Section 65.003(a) Family Code.

For further reference, this information as well as other attendance information is contained in the District's Student Parent Handbook.