

Notice of Truancy

DATE: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian of _____,

Your child has accumulated **three (3)** or more absences from school.

Students who miss school are not able to benefit from important academic instruction that they will need in order to be successful in school, and ultimately to be successful citizens. Georgia schools are held accountable for ensuring that all students attend school. All absences must be accompanied by a written explanation, even though the law does not differentiate between excused and unexcused absences.

The Troup County Board of Education is working in conjunction with your local law enforcement agencies to ensure that parents follow the law with regard to school attendance.

After five (5) absences the school will require the parent to sign the Truancy Notice. Documentation will be kept on file at the school.

If two (2) reasonable attempts to notify the parent or legal guardian of absences produce no response, the school will send the Truancy Notice to the parent or guardian via certified mail, return receipt requested. If applicable, a list of these students' names will be forwarded to the appropriate School Counselor and School Social Worker.

In the future if your child is absent, a **doctor/dentist's excuse or official court order** must be presented upon the student's return to school. If you have any questions, please contact the school. Thank you for supporting your child's education.

Please be advised that future absences may be reported to law enforcement.

Sincerely,

Please sign and return

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Student's Signature

Reference: Georgia Compulsory Attendance Statute, O.C.G.A. and 20-2-690, et. seq.