

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

ResponsiveEd recognizes that regular school attendance is vital to student success. In an effort to increase communications with parents, and to provide additional family assistance where needed, our attendance procedures have been revised for the 2017-2018 school year.

State law requires that children six years of age, and those who have not yet reached their 19th birthday attend school each day that instruction is offered. (Texas Education Code § 25.085) The district is further required to provide a written notice at the beginning of the school year informing parents and students of attendance requirements and expectations under the law.

If a student is absent from school, without excuse, for 10 or more days or part days within a six-month period in the same school year, the parent/guardian may be subject to prosecution and the student is subject to referral to truancy court for truant conduct. (Texas Education Code 25.093 and 65.003 (a) Texas Family Code.)

We will enforce Texas Compulsory attendance as follows:

- Phone call will be made to parent/guardian informing them when a student has been marked absent. The parent is responsible for ensuring that the school has the correct contact information for purposes of notification. The district will accept parent notes for the school year, and they should be submitted no later than three days after the student returns to school.
- A warning letter will be sent when records reflect the accumulation of three days or parts of days unexcused within a four week period. The student is subject to truancy prevention measures, and the parent/guardian will receive a request for a conference to address the truant conduct.
- If truancy prevention measures fail, and a student is absent without excuse for ten or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year, students 12 and older may be referred to truancy court. The students' parent would also be subject to prosecution for contributing to the nonattendance of their child.

Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for additional information regarding attendance. Should you have questions or require special assistance please contact your campus administration to discuss your specific needs. We encourage regular daily attendance, and look forward to a successful school year with your child.