



Johnson Elementary School

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Truancy Notification

Compulsory Attendance

Alabama attendance law states that every child between the ages of 6-17 years of age shall be required to attend a school, or be instructed by a competent tutor for the entire length of the school term in every scholastic year. Acknowledging the importance of regular school attendance and to be in compliance with daily attendance requirements of the Alabama State Board of Education, regular attendance shall be required. Failure to do so will result in action by the legal system. Amendment: Each child who enrolls in a public school, whether or not the child is required by law to enroll, is subject to the school attendance and truancy laws of the state.

Habitual/excessive unexcused absences from school may require Board Officials to refer the matter to juvenile authorities or to initiate truancy proceedings. Severn unexcused absences within a school year constitute a student being truant for the purpose of filing a petition with the Court. The following Early Warning timeline will define the truancy status of a student:

1. First Truancy/unexcused absence-WARNING
2. Third unexcused absence-Parent and Administrator Conference
3. Fifth unexcused absence-Parent and SRO (School Resource Officer) Conference
4. Seventh unexcused absence-Court

Only doctor notes will be accepted for student absences once a case has been filed in truancy court.

NOTIFICATIONS

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Days Absent _____

Guardian(s) Name: _____

Third Notification:

Date

Guardian Name

Administrator

Fifth Notification:

Date

Guardian Name

Administrator

Seventh Notification: COURT