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Dear Parent:

Below you will find excerpts from the *2015-2016 St. Clair County Student/Parent Information Guide and Student Code of Conduct* concerning attendance. These excerpts can be found specifically on pages 8-10 as it relates to school attendance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Regular school attendance contributes to academic achievement and facilitates the student's ability to succeed. Alabama law requires that all children between the age of 6-17 to attend school. The law further provides that a parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of a school aged child is responsible for that child's regular attendance and proper conduct.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES:**

In order for an absence to be "excused", parents/guardians must present to the school principal or designee (teacher) a written explanation of a student's absence within 3 days of the absence. Failure to present a written explanation will cause the absence to be recorded as unexcused.

"Excused Absences" are defined as the following:

1. illness
2. death in the immediate family
3. inclement weather which would be dangerous to the life and health of the child as determined by the school principal and/or Superintendent
4. legal quarantine
5. emergency conditions as determined by the principal and/or Superintendent
6. prior permission of the principal with the consent of the parent or legal guardian

Examples include but not limited to the following:

- \*serious family illness
- \*family emergency
- \*legal appointments with documentation
- \*religious holidays

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES/TRUANCY**

Unexcused absences are those for which no acceptable written explanation is provided by the parent/guardian, or for reasons other than those noted above in "Excused Absences" section or those after 10 days per year for which no physician or court documentation is provided.