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## EARLY WARNING TRUANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM GRADES K-12

Dear Parents:

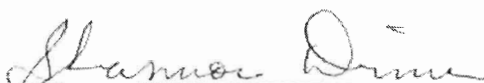
The Alabama Compulsory Attendance Laws require children between the ages of 6 -- 17 to attend school. The law also states that parents or guardians having control over school-age children are responsible for the children's regular attendance and proper conduct. *Parents and/or guardians must provide to the child's teacher an explanation of each absence within two days after the child returns to school. If the parent or guardian fails to provide this information to the teacher, each child's absence will be reports as "unexcused" or "truant". Except in emergency situations, out of town trips must have the principal's approval prior to taking the trip if the absence is to be coded "excused".*

Please be advised of the Early Warning Truancy Prevention Program which has been implemented in Covington County Schools. This program was recommended by the State Department of Education and the Administrative Office of Courts and has been approved by our Board of Education and the Juvenile Court; All students in grade K-12 are subject to the provisions of this Program.


The attached procedures for handling truanancies shall be uniformly administered throughout our schools.

We realize that most students in Covington County have good attendance. Neither they nor their parents need this information. However, since the Early Warning Program has been adopted by our Board of Education, we are required to see that all parents and students are informed about the Program.

It is our hope that you and your student(s) have a successful school experience.

  
Shannon Driver  
Superintendent

Sincerely,

  
Walt Merrell  
Covington County District Attorney

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**Please detach and return**

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Student's Signature

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Parent's Signature

*\* Early Warning Truancy Prevention Program – Parental Notification*