

Third Notice of Truancy

DATE: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian of _____,

At the beginning of the school year, you signed the attached Troup County School System High School Truancy Protocol.

In accordance with Troup County School System High School Policy and Georgia Law, you are receiving this Third Notice of Truancy because he/she has accumulated **nine (9)** or more absences from school. Documentation of this notification will be kept on file at the school.

Since previous attempts to correct your child's attendance issues have met with continued non-compliance by the parent or legal guardian as evidenced by continued absences, and the child is between the ages of 6 and 16 the **attached** referral has been made by the school to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Upon notification of non-compliance, the law enforcement agency will contact the truant child's parent or legal guardian. If this attempt to resolve your child's attendance issues results in further non-compliance, the school will notify the law enforcement agency and a warrant may be issued.

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 become better 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.

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.

Sincerely,

Please call your child's school immediately to set up a conference with your child's administrator.

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