



HARMONY SCIENCE ACADEMY-GP

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Dear Parent or Guardian;

It is required by the Texas State Compulsory Attendance Law, section 25.085 that each child attends school each school day for the entire period the program of instruction is provided, unless exempt by law. When a child accumulates unexcused voluntary absences on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period or three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period, a violation to the law occurs.

This notification is issued to inform you of our policy, as stated in the student handbook, requires all students to attend at least 90% of the classes throughout the year in order to be promoted to the next grade level. Therefore, **ten unexcused absences within one school year will result in failing.**

Our front office is open to clarify any questions you may have pertaining to specific absences.

Note: A school has right and duty to pursue a sanction against a student's parent for excessive absences. Sections 25.901(a) and (b) of the Education Code, authorize an attendance officer to refer a student to juvenile court or file a complaint in justice or municipal court for "unexcused absence." Section 25.095(b) requires the school to notify a parent if a student has a certain number of absences "without excuse." Also, Section 25.0951 provides that a school district shall file a complaint in justice or municipal court or refer a student to juvenile court if the student "fails to attend school without excuse" (emphasis added) for either 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period or 3 or more days or parts of days within a four-week period. An absence currently may be excused under Section 25.087(a) for "any cause acceptable to the teacher, principal, or superintendent of the school."

Sincerely,

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