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Dear Parent / Guardian:

According to Senate Bill No. 1432 all school districts at the beginning of each school year are required to notify parents and person (s) standing in a parental relationship with a student about what is often called the **Compulsory Attendance Law**. This letter is to comply with that requirement, and is intended to inform parents and guardians in advance about the legal action that the Garner Independent School District is required to take to enforce this law and the penalties that can result.

For your information, truancy may result in assessment of penalties by a court of law against both the student and the student's parents or guardians. A complaint against a parent or guardian for contributing to truancy may be filed in the appropriate court if the student is:

1. **absent from school ten (10) or more days or parts of days within a six month period in the same school year**
2. **absent from school three (3) or more days or parts of days within a four week period**
(3 Tardies is 1 Unexcused Absence)

A complaint may also be filed against the student for failing to attend school for the same time periods, or a referral may be made to the juvenile court. Parents or guardians who commit the offense of thwarting the Compulsory Attendance Law can be ordered to pay fines and court costs.

For more detailed information, your attention is directed to Sections 25.085, 25.093, 25.094 and 25.095 of the Texas Education Code. A copy of those provisions of the law is available for your review at the District's main administrative office.

It is our hope that by working together, we can avoid any truancy problems, and any necessity for using any of the laws mentioned above.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this letter, and for all the help we know you will provide in ensuring your child's attendance this school year.

Respectfully,

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Texas Education Code 25.085

A child who is required to attend school under this section shall attend school each day for the entire period the program of instruction is provided. (b) Unless specifically exempted by section 25.086, a child who is at least six years of age, or who is younger than six years of age and has previously been enrolled in first grade, and who has not yet reached the child's 18th birthday shall attend school. (c) On enrollment in pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, a child shall attend school.

Texas Education Code 25.092

A student may not be given credit for a class unless the student is in attendance for at least 90% of the days the class is offered.

Texas Education Code 25.094

a)An individual commits an offense if the individual: (1) is required to attend school under Section 25.085; and (2) fails to attend school on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year or on 3 or more days or parts of days within a four-week period. An offense under this section may be prosecuted.