



Aransas Pass ISD
Understanding School Attendance under Texas State Law

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Aransas Pass ISD is dedicated to helping your child achieve academic success. In order to maximize your child's academic opportunities, it is critical that they be in attendance at school every day. For your information, we have outlined the district procedures/policies and state laws related to attendance. We hope this information is helpful to you.

Compulsory Attendance Law

(TEC Section 25.085)

*Students between the ages of 6 and 18 must attend school.

*If a student who is 19 or older has 5 unexcused absences in a semester, the district may revoke the student's enrollment. Thereafter, the student's presence on school property would be considered trespassing. (see policy FEA).

Truancy Prevention Measures for Students 11 years and Under

- At 3 absences, an attendance letter will be mailed home.
- At 5 absences, an attendance letter will be mailed home. There will be a meeting scheduled with the parent and administrator where an attendance improvement plan will be discussed and written.
- At 7 absences, an attendance letter will be mailed home. The truancy officer will do a home visit or contact the parent.
- At 10 absences, an attendance letter will be mailed home. **At this point, the school could file a criminal complaint against parents who contribute to the non-attendance of their child, Section 25.093 of the Texas Education Code.**

Truancy Prevention Measures for Students 12 – 18 Years of Age

- At 3 absences, an attendance letter will be mailed home. There will be a meeting scheduled with the student and administrator. The student will sign an attendance contract.
- At 5 absences, an attendance letter will be mailed home. There will be a meeting with the student, parent, and administrator where an attendance improvement plan will be written.
- At 7 absences, an attendance letter will be mailed home. The student will also be required to complete school-based community service. The truancy officer will do a home visit or contact the parent.
- At 10 absences, an attendance letter will be mailed home. Student may be referred to truancy court. **At this point, the school could also file a criminal complaint against parents who contribute to the non-attendance of their child, Section 25.093 of the Texas Education Code.**

Texas law requires you to monitor your student's attendance and to require your student to attend school. APISD makes monitoring attendance and grades very simple through Tyler SIS. This resource is available via any internet capable computer. For more information, go to www.apisd.org and click the parent resources tab.



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