

White Rock North School

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE POLICY

Excerpts from the Texas Education Code re: Attendance

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Below: statutes specific to Attendance-related matters:

Sec. 25.085. COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

(a) A child who is required to attend school under this section shall attend school each school 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 prekindergarten or kindergarten, a child shall attend school

Sec. 25.094. FAILURE TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

(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 three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period.

Sec. 25.095. WARNING NOTICES.

(a) A school/school district or open-enrollment charter school shall notify a student's parent in writing at the beginning of the school year that if the student is absent from school on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year or on three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period:

(1) the student's parent is subject to prosecution under Section 25.093; and

(2) the student is subject to prosecution under Section 25.094 or to referral to a juvenile court in a county with a population of less than 100,000 for conduct that violates that section.

(b) A school/school district shall notify a student's parent if the student has been absent from school, without excuse under Section 25.087, on three days or parts of days within a four-week period. The notice must:

(1) inform the parent that:

(A) it is the parent's duty to monitor the student's school attendance and require the student to attend school; and

(B) the parent is subject to prosecution under Section 25.093; and

(2) request a conference between school officials and the parent to discuss the absences.

(c) The fact that a parent did not receive a notice under Subsection (a) or (b) does not create a defense to prosecution under Section 25.093 or 25.094.

(d) In this section, "parent" includes a person standing in parental relation.

Sec. 25.0951. SCHOOL/SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPLAINT OR REFERRAL FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

(a) If a student fails to attend school without excuse on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year, a school/school district shall within 10 school days of the student's last absence:

(1) file a complaint against the student or the student's parent or both in a county, justice, or municipal court for an offense under Section 25.093 or 25.094, as appropriate, or refer the student to a juvenile court in a county with a population of less than 100,000 for conduct that violates Section 25.094; or

(2) refer the student to a juvenile court for conduct indicating a need for supervision under Section 51.03(b)(2), Family Code.

~~~~~PLEASE SIGN & RETURN THIS DOCUMENT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 11 OCT. 2013.~~~~~

I understand that the academic school day at White Rock North School is from 8:30 a.m.~3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. I understand that my child, \_\_\_\_\_ is required to be in attendance for the entire school day, for the duration of the published school year. I realize that it is my responsibility to bring my child to school for the entire school day and that White Rock North School reports attendance related violations to the Dallas County Truancy Courts.

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature 1

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature 2

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Date