



RIO GRANDE CITY GRULLA

Independent School District

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

Every staff member of the Rio Grande City GISD family embraces a new and exciting school year. We hope that your summer was relaxing and enjoying. We want to welcome each and every student back to school and to take full advantage of our academic and social educational programs, resources, and extracurricular activities. In order to better serve the needs of every student, we are monitoring a very sensitive issue at RGCGISD regarding student attendance. The district will take measures to ensure that students are present every day that school is in session. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardians to make sure that their child or children attend daily.

Texas Education Code (TEC) Section 25.085

- (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 19th birthday shall attend school.
- (c)** On enrollment in prekindergarten or kindergarten a child shall attend school.
- (d)** Unless specifically exempted by Section 25.086 a student enrolled in a school district must attend: 1.) an extended-year program, 2.) accelerated reading program, 3.) an accelerated reading instruction program, 4.) a basic skill program, 5.) a summer program
- (e)** A person who voluntarily enrolls in school or voluntarily attends school after the person's 19th birthday shall attend school each day for the entire period the program of instruction is offered.

For more information regarding Texas Education Code (TEC) Section 25.085 please visit online at the following email address.

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.25.htm#25.085>

Rio Grande City CISD campuses will be monitoring student daily attendance. An Attendance Committee for each campus has been established. It is composed of an administrator, counselor, teacher and an attendance clerk. They will monitor and keep track of absences following district procedures. Any student absence with or without a valid excuse will be filed under each student's attendance record.

- Each respective campus will make parental contact via-phone after the 2nd unexcused absence.
- After a student's 3rd unexcused absences a warning letter will be mailed and a parent conference will be scheduled promptly.
- A 2nd warning letter will be sent after the students 6th unexcused absences. During these unexcused absences each respective campus will intervene and redirect student behavior.
- After the 9th unexcused absence, the campus truancy administrator will schedule a conference with parents and hand deliver a 3rd warning letter.
- If a student continues to be unexcused from school and misses 10 or more days in a six month period during the same school year, without a valid excuse, the student is truant and is subject to be prosecuted under (TEC) Section 25.094 for Failure to Attend School. Parent/guardian can also be prosecuted after being notified or warned for Parent Contributing to Non-Attendance (TEC) Section 25.093.

It is the parent/guardian responsibility to ensure that their son or daughter attend school every day. The parent/guardian is also responsible to inform the school that their son or daughter will not be attending school and that a written excuse is submitted the next school day.

The Rio Grande City CISD family strongly believes that every school day counts and builds up a solid academic and social foundation for all our students. Together we stand for excellence and strive for a quality education.