



Hudson Independent School District
6735 Ted Trout Drive
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Parents/Guardians & Students in the Hudson Independent School District:

This notice is a brief update about HISD attendance as it relates to the state 90% attendance requirement and state truancy laws. We appreciate your continued diligence in these areas.

Parent Note Acceptance:

- HISD will accept 10 parent notes per school year
- A parent/student has 5 school days after the absence to get a parent note turned in
- Any parent notes received after the 10 notes allowed will be categorized as unexcused absences

State 90% Attendance Requirement (TEC Chapter 25 Sec. 25.092)

"A student in any grade level from kindergarten through grade 12 may not be given credit or a final grade for a class unless the student is in attendance for at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered".

Unexcused absences, excused absences, parent notes, etc. are included in this calculation. There are approximately 170 days in a school year. Therefore, a student needs to be in attendance no less than 153 days, missing no more than 17 days in a school year. All notes/documentation are crucial in case the Attendance Committee is required to review your case.

State Truancy Law (TEC Chapter 25 Sec. 25.0915, Sec. 25.093, Sec 25.0951)

A parent/guardian of a student that has 10 *unexcused* absences in a 6 month period can be taken to truancy court. A student that is 12 years up to **19 years old** can be taken to truancy court as well after he/she reaches 10 *unexcused* absences.

****Please note that truancy law only involves *unexcused* absences.**

State Mandated Truancy Prevention Measures:

*After 3 unexcused absences, a warning letter will be sent to parent/guardian, we will begin truancy prevention measures, including, but not limited to, contacting parent, meeting with the student, setting goals, etc., in an effort to keep from going to truancy court.

* If the prevention measures show to be ineffective and a student reaches 10+ unexcused absences, the student (if 12 - 19 years of age) and/or parent/guardian can be taken to truancy court.

We appreciate your help and want the very best for our students. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Hudson Administration