

Parent & Student Notification Agreement

The Compulsory Attendance Law O.C.G.A §20-2-690.1

The Compulsory Attendance Law O.C.G.A. §20-2-690.1 continues to be in effect for the current academic year, which pertains to every school district in Georgia. The Compulsory Attendance Law states "children between their sixth and sixteenth birthday shall enroll and attend a public school, a private school, or a home study program". If a child is under 6 years of age and has attended more than 20 days in a public school, he/she is then subject to this law. The law also provides "penalties for parent(s), guardian(s), or other person residing in Georgia who are in violation of O.C.G.A §20-2-690.1; which are imposed at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction". Each day's violation of this law, after the School District has notified the parent, guardian, or other person in charge of a child having five unexcused absences from school, shall constitute a separate offense subjecting the person notified to the following measures:

1. Fine of not less than \$25 and not greater than \$100
2. Imprisonment not to exceed 30 days
3. Community service
4. Any combination of the above penalties

Elementary and middle school students may only miss 15 days per year before possible retention. High school students may miss only seven (7) days per semester to prevent loss of credits. Parents are required to provide proof of excused absences within three days after the absence occurred. Handwritten notes from parent(s), a doctor's excuse, or a copy of a court order are a few examples of acceptable proof of absences. Schools may require additional verification for those students who have established a pattern of excessive absences.

The Muscogee County School District is required to obtain signatures from parents and students (who are ten years-old by September 1) as acknowledgment of receipt of the **Parent & Student Notification Agreement** and of the possible consequences due to non-compliance.

Thank you for your cooperation in acknowledging receipt of this agreement and the consequences in the event of any violation of the Compulsory Attendance Law. Please return this to your school's administration.

School: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student's Signature _____

Student's Age as of September 1, (2016): _____