

Homeroom:

To the Parent(s) of

School records indicate that your child has accumulated five (5) or more unexcused absences. Regular school attendance is imperative for student achievement. School attendance is mandated by Georgia Law and encouraged by the Richmond County Board of Education.

Please note that if you have excuses for any of these days, please turn them in to Student Services as soon as possible.

O.C.G.A. '20-2-690.1 is a state statute governing compulsory school attendance and parental responsibility. This law provides it is mandatory for children between 6 and sixteen 16 years of age to be enrolled in and attending school. Failure of the parent, guardian, or other person residing in Georgia having control of such child to enroll and send such child to school is a criminal offense and subject to prosecution. Furthermore, O.C.G.A. '20-2-690.2, establishes a county wide protocol committee, composed of designated officials and citizens, which determines that after five (5) unexcused absences, a Juvenile Court Complaint for Truancy will be filed and heard by the Juvenile Court Judge.

This letter is to notify you officially that the above student has accumulated five (5) or more days of unexcused absences. By law, each unexcused absence thereafter is a separate criminal misdemeanor offense; and, upon conviction, provides for a fine to the offending parent of each separate offense of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$100; imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, community service, or any combination of such penalties. In addition, the Juvenile Court Judge has the authority to incarcerate truant juveniles sixty (60) days.

Your cooperation is necessary to ensure the student's attendance record is correct, please contact your child's school to schedule an attendance meeting with the school's Attendance Review Team to address the above named student's attendance. Please bring all outstanding excuses and parent notes to this meeting. Please refer to Code of Student Conduct and Discipline for complete attendance policy.

Note: The specific dates of unexcused absences can be found on the Parent Portal.

Thank you,

Principal

cc. Deputy Superintendent

Social Work Services

Education Specialist/CHINS Coordinator