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Dear Parents,

Texas Education Code §29.095 requires that schools notify parents of the Texas compulsory attendance laws and the prosecution possibilities if these laws are violated. According to Texas Education Code §25.085, students who are at least six years of age, or who have been previously enrolled in first grade, and who have not yet reached their eighteenth birthday shall attend school **for the entire period the program is offered**, unless exempted. **Students enrolled in pre-kindergarten or kindergarten shall attend school after enrollment according to this law as well.**

A child is considered in violation of compulsory attendance requirements if they have been absent without excuse on three days or parts of days (including early checkout) within a four week period or have been absent without an excuse on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six month period in the same school year. A parent, or person standing in a parental relation, is required to monitor their child's attendance. The parent and child are subject to prosecution for nonattendance under Education Code 25.093 and Education code 25.094. A student with less than 90 percent attendance, regardless of excuse, may be retained in the current grade at the discretion of the Attendance Committee. Please also note that per the Student Handbook, three tardies will result in an unexcused absence being recorded for the student.

Regular school attendance is essential for the student to make the most of his or her education, to benefit from teacher-led and school activities, to build each day's learning on the previous day's, and to grow as an individual. Absences from class may result in serious disruption of a student's mastery of the instructional materials; therefore, the student and parent should make every effort to avoid unnecessary absences. **If it is absolutely necessary that a child be absent, a parent must call the school and notify the attendance clerk. A note signed by the parent *must be sent to the clerk when the child returns to school. If a child is being checked out of school early, a note must be brought to the attendance clerk at the time of checkout. Failure to call *and* send a note will result in an unexcused absence being recorded.***

We are looking forward to a successful school year. We know we can count on your help and support to ensure that our attendance rates are high and our children are successful.

Sincerely,

Ebby Loeffler
Superintendent/Principal