

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE NOTICE

Texas Education Code Sec. §25.085 and §25.095
STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HARRIS §

TEC Sec. §25.085. Compulsory School Attendance states:

- (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 (6) years of age, or who is younger than six (6) years of age and has previously been enrolled in first grade, and who has not yet reached his/her 19th birthday, shall attend school.
- (c) Upon enrollment in prekindergarten or kindergarten, a child shall attend school.

IN ADDITION: A person who voluntarily enrolls in school or voluntarily attends school after the person's 19th birthday shall attend school each school day for the entire period the program of instruction is offered. A school district may revoke for the remainder of the school year the enrollment of a person who has more than five absences in a semester that are not excused. A person whose enrollment is revoked under this subsection may be considered an unauthorized person on school district grounds.

TEC Sec. §25.095. Warning Notice

If a student is absent from school on ten (10) or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year:

- (1) the student's parent/person standing in parental relation is subject to prosecution for "Parent Contributing to Nonattendance" under Texas Education Code Section §25.093; and
- (2) the student is subject to referral to a truancy court for truant conduct under Section 65.003(a), Family Code.

It is the duty of the parent or person standing in parental relation to the student to monitor the student's school attendance and require the student to attend school. If a student fails to attend school without excuse on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year, the school district may file a complaint against the student's parent in a county, justice, or municipal court for an offense under Section 25.093.

When a student has been absent from school without excuse on three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period, the parent will be notified in writing that the student is subject to truancy prevention measures under Section 25.0915 and to request a conference with school officials to discuss the absences.