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EARLY WARNING TRUANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM GRADES K-12

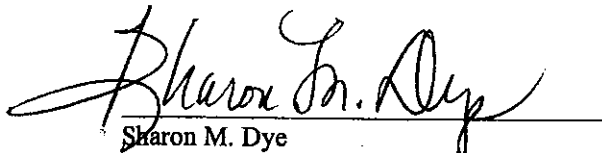
Dear Parents:

The Alabama compulsory Attendance Laws require children between the ages of 7-16 to attend school. The law also states that parents or guardians having control over school-age children are responsible for the children's regular attendance and proper conduct. Parents and/or guardians must provide to the child's teacher an explanation of each absence within two days after the child returns to school. If the parent or guardian fails to provide this information to the teacher, each child's absence will be reported as "unexcused" or "truant". Except in emergency situations, out of town trips must have the principal's approval **prior to taking the trip**, if absence is to be coded "excused".

Please be advised of the Early Warning Truancy Program which has been implemented in Covington County Schools. The program was recommended by the State Department of Education and the Administrative Office of Courts and has been approved by our Board of Education and the Juvenile Court. **All students in grades K-12 are subject to the provisions of this program.**

The attached procedures for handling truancies shall be uniformly administered throughout our schools. We realize that most students in Covington County have good attendance. Neither they nor their parents need this information. However, since the Early Warning Program has been adopted by our Board of Education, we are required to see that all parents and students are informed about the program.

It is our hope that you and your student(s) have a successful school experience.


Sharon M. Dye
Superintendent
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Covington County Schools

Sincerely,


Greg L. Gambriel
Covington County District Attorney

Please detach and return

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Early Warning Truancy Prevention Program – Parental Notification