

NOTICE TO PARENTS- NEW LAW- PLEASE READ

School attendance is extremely important to student success and is a popular topic with local law makers. This letter is to inform you of a few changes that will affect you and your family regarding school attendance for the 2018/19 SY. T.C.A. 49-6-3007 states the following:

- (A) If the student is absent from school for an aggregate of five (5) days during the school year without adequate excuse, then the student is subject to referral to juvenile court; and
- (B) It is a parental duty to monitor the student's school attendance and require the student to attend school.

The law also states that each district shall implement progressive truancy interventions for students who violate the Compulsory Attendance Law. Below you will find Sumner County Schools tiered approach in reducing the amount of unexcused absences in effort to produce successful students.

Sumner County Schools Progressive Truancy Intervention Tiers

Tier 1-School level interventions and reward programs

Tier 2-initiated at 3 unexcused absences

- *Parents must conference with administration
- *Attendance contract signed at conference

Tier 3-initiated with additional unexcused absences

- * Individualized Assessment completed and one of the following:
 - Individualized Action Plan or Improvement Plan
 - Referral to school counselor
 - Referral to community-based services
 - Referral to school nurse-Health plan created
 - Referral to Attendance Student Support counselor

Tier 4-initiated with continued unexcused absence

*Referral to School Attendance Review Team consisting of administration, counselor, student, parent, teachers, nurse, attendance clerk, psychologist, and /or truancy officer

Tier 5-Referral to Truancy Officer

- *Truancy officer intervention
- *Parent could be required to attend Pre-Court Diversion Program

Tier 6-Juvenile Petition filed

These efforts of collaboration are to support your student to become a confident, productive and successful student.

Please contact the Sumner County Board of Education Attendance Office for any questions at 615-451-5424.

Respectfully,

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