

Initial Notification of Truancy

To _____, Parent(s) of _____
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Student

Students residing in California are required to attend school from age 6 to age 18. (EC 48200)
Valid reasons that students may be excused from school attendance include the following:

Personal illness	Observing a religious holiday
Court appearance	Attending an employment conference
Attending a funeral	Caring for their ill child

Attendance records indicate that your child has missed school or been tardy without valid excuse on more than three days during this school year. Education Code 48260 requires notification of the following:

- a. Your child is truant.
- b. You are obligated to compel your child to attend school.
- c. Parents or guardians who fail to meet this obligation may be guilty of an infraction and subject to prosecution.
- d. You may contact the school regarding alternative educational programs.
- e. You have the right to meet with school personnel to discuss solutions to this attendance problem.
- f. Your child may be subject to prosecution under Education Code 48264.
- g. Your child may be subject to suspension, restriction or delay of their driving privilege.
- h. You may be requested to accompany your child to school and attend classes for one day.

In addition, regular, full-time school attendance is a requirement for public assistance through the CalWORKS program and benefits may be reduced or stopped for student non-attendance.

Whether absences are excused or unexcused, missing school has an impact on the student's school progress and success. Please call the office to schedule an appointment to discuss this letter and your child's attendance problem.

If this student is a foster youth, please inform his/her Shasta County social worker at 229-8080 to discuss this notification.

Principal/Superintendent or Designee Signature

Date