



## ***SHEPHERD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT***

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

According to Senate Bill No. 1432, all school districts at the beginning of each school year are required to notify parents and guardians about what is often called the Compulsory Attendance Law. This letter is to comply with that requirement, and is intended to inform parents and guardians, in advance, about the legal action that Shepherd ISD is required to take to enforce this law and penalties that can result.

For your information, truancy may result in assessment of penalties by a court of law against both the student and the student's parents or guardians. A complaint against a parent or guardian for contributing to truancy may be filed in the appropriate court if the student is 1) absent from school ten (10) or more days or parts of days within a six month period in the same school year, or 2) absent from school three (3) or more days or parts of days within a four week period. A complaint may also be filed against the student for failing to attend school for the same time periods, or a referral may be made to the juvenile court. Parents or guardians who commit the offense of opposing the Compulsory Attendance Law can be ordered to pay fines and court costs.

For more detailed information, your attention is directed to Sections 25.085, 25.093, 25.094 and 25.095 of the Texas Education Code. It is our hope that by working together, we can avoid any truancy problems, and the necessity for using any of the laws mentioned above.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this letter, and for all the help we know you will provide in ensuring your child's attendance this school year.

Sincerely,

Steve Pierce  
Superintendent of Schools