



McDowell County Schools
334 South Main Street
P.O. Box 130
Marion, NC 28752

Date _____

To the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of _____

North Carolina General Statutes, Section 115C-378 (Compulsory Attendance) requires every parent, guardian, or custodian of a child between the ages of 7 and 16 years old to cause the child to attend school every day that school is in session, unless the child has been excused by the superintendent, principal, or designee. Violation of this law can ultimately result in court action. Children under the age of 7 and enrolled in public school are subject to the Compulsory Attendance Law.

The statement below, which has been checked, applies to your child. Please contact the school as soon as possible to prevent any further action.

- Your child has accumulated **at least 3 unexcused absences**. If you did not receive a phone call regarding these absences, please call the school to verify your phone number.
- Your child has accumulated **at least 6 unexcused absences**. You may be in violation of North Carolina's Compulsory Attendance Law, and you may be subject to prosecution if the absences cannot be justified under the established attendance policies of the North Carolina State Board of Education and the McDowell County Board of Education.
- Your child has accumulated **at least 10 unexcused absences**. The principal has the authority to notify the district attorney and the director of social services. The principal may file a complaint with the juvenile court counselor pursuant to Chapter 7B (Juvenile Code) of the General Statutes. The director of social services shall determine whether to undertake an investigation under G.S. 7B-302 (Assessment by the Director).

Principal's Signature _____

School _____

Phone Number _____