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Dear Parent,

The Greeneville City Schools would like to notify each of you of a **NEW** Truancy Law. The law T.C.A. code 49-6-3009(c) states that every local board of education shall adopt a Progressive Truancy Plan for students who violate compulsory school attendance requirements prior to filing a truancy petition or a criminal prosecution for educational neglect. Progressive Truancy Intervention Plans must meet the following requirements:

TIER I will occur at the minimum of 3 unexcused absences.

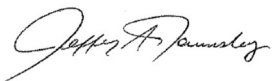
1. A conference with the student, parent/guardian or other person having control of the student.
2. An Attendance Contract signed by the student, parent/guardian or other person having control of the student, and an attendance supervisor or designee. The Attendance Contract must include:
 - A. A specific description of the school's attendance expectations for the student.
 - B. The period for which the contract is in effect
 - C. The consequences for additional absences and alleged school offenses. This may include any disciplinary action and could result in a referral to Juvenile Court.

Tier II will occur at the minimum of 4 unexcused absences.

Tier II must be implemented upon a student's accumulation of additional unexcused absences in violation of the Attendance Contract in Tier I. Tier II must include an individualized assessment by a school employee of the reasons the child has been absent from school. The employee may refer a student to counseling, community based services, or other in-school or out-of-school services aimed at addressing the students attendance problems.

Tier III will occur at the minimum of 5 unexcused absences.

Tier III must be implemented if the truancy interventions under Tier II or unsuccessful. The student may be referred to the Greeneville City Schools Truancy Board.



Jeff Townsley
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