

HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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The Parent Intervention Program (PIP) is a diversionary program designed to re-engage parents and students into the academic setting. The program is active for the remainder of the school year. If at any time guidelines of the program are violated, legal actions can be taken.

PIP includes:

1. Monitoring of student's attendance by Social Worker
2. Explain Truancy Rules
3. Attend Project Reconnect Workshop
4. Subjected to 30 day follow-up

Signing this document serves as proof that PIP has been explained to the parent with an opportunity to ask questions for clarification.

School: _____

Date: _____

Parent(s): _____

Student: _____

Social Worker: _____

Contact Phone: _____



Houston County Truancy Rules

Student Name

School

1. Parent will ensure that student arrives to school on time every day.
2. School times: Elementary 8:30 – 3:30 Middle 7:30 – 2:45
3. Parent will ensure that student is prepared for class every day.
4. Parents will ensure student completes all class assignments and assist with completion of homework if necessary.
5. Parents will cooperate with teachers and school personnel.
6. Parents will contact School Social Worker with any issues that may possibly violate these rules.

By signing below, parent(s)/guardian and school social worker have read, discussed and understand the above rules. Parent/guardian will abide by above rules and has received a copy of signed rules. Parent understands if he/she violates the above rules, academic and or legal action can be taken.

Parent/Guardian Name (**Print Clearly**)

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of School Social Worker

Signed by all parties on:

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

PARENT:

STUDENT:

PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION TRUANCY AGREEMENT

1. I understand that I have been summoned to the Court by the Houston County Board of Education for violation of the Compulsory School Attendance Law (also known as Truancy).
2. I understand that Truancy has a statutory legal definition and that I will be judged as to whether my child is truant based upon that definition.
3. I understand that the Houston County School Board policies and procedures regarding truancy are in accordance with statutory requirements of the Official Code of Georgia.
4. I understand that any absence of my child for which I do not provide written documentation showing a legally acceptable justification can be considered unexcused.
5. I understand that I have **3 days** to provide sufficient written documentation, and that if I fail to do so the absence can be considered unexcused even if I later provided documentation showing a legally acceptable justification.
6. I understand that the School Board determines, in accordance with the law, what reasons are legally justifiable and that if written documentation is provided but does not show a legally justifiable reason for the absence then it can be considered an unexcused absence.
7. I understand as a parent/guardian that it is my responsibility to know the policies and procedures and the law concerning truancy and that I am legally accountable whether I am aware of them or not.
8. I understand as a parent/guardian that I can be charged with and face criminal penalties if my child is determined by the Court to be truant.
9. I understand the Magistrate Court Judge may review the evidence provided by the school and can make a determination that my child is legally truant.
10. I understand that the Magistrate Court Judge may proceed with a hearing on the matter based upon the application of the School Board if I deny that my child is truant, and may issue an arrest warrant against me if the Court finds that probable cause exists that my child is truant.

11. I understand the Magistrate Court Judge will allow me to handle this matter without having to appear at a Hearing if I agree to handle the matter as a Pre-Trial Diversion.
12. I understand that Pre-Trial Diversion requires the following:
- a. My child must attend school daily without any unexcused absences.
 - b. I must sign a Truancy Contract if requested.
 - c. I must participate in the Project Reconnect Program, which can include, but is not limited to, classes, tutoring, community service or counseling.
 - d. I understand that the Diversion period can range from 30 to 90 days, depending on the circumstances, number of absences and my child's prior school attendance record.
13. I understand that if I do not agree to a Pre-Trial Diversion or if I fail to successfully complete the terms of the Pre-Trial Diversion that I may be arrested and can be prosecuted for violation of the Compulsory School Attendance Law.
14. I understand the Magistrate Court Judge is aware that I am being offered to the opportunity to resolve this matter as a Pre-Trial Diversion and that the Court will take into consideration whether I failed to successfully complete the Pre-trial Diversion program if I am summoned to appear in court for a hearing.

By signing this document, I hereby acknowledge that I am in violation of the Compulsory School Attendance Law and agree to have my case handled as a Pre-Trial Diversion and that I have had the above terms and conditions explained to me and I hereby understand and accept said terms.

Pre-Trial Diversion will be for _____ days.

Pre-Trial Diversion will begin: _____ and will end _____.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 201__.

Parent/Guardian

School Appointee

Reviewed and approved by:

Magistrate Court Judge

Date: _____