



NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission Statement

The New Hope-Solebury School District takes pride in its commitment to excellence. We strive to inspire and empower our students to become passionate, confident, life-long learners, with the skills and strength of character to contribute to a diverse and ever-changing world.

Parent/Guardian Name

Address

City, Pa. Zip Code

Official Notice of Child's Three Unlawful Absences

Dear <PARENT'S (OR GUARDIAN'S) NAME>,

Your child was recorded as being unlawfully absent on the following three dates:_____ These absences are unlawful and, therefore, constitute a violation of the compulsory attendance provision of the Pennsylvania Public School Code (24 P.S. 13-1327)

The series of unexcused absences constitute a summary offense under the Public School Code for which penalties may be imposed against you as a parent or guardian. Act 29 of 1995 provides for a \$300 fine and allows the court to impose parent education classes with your daughter or son and community service sentences for parents of a truant child who do not show that they took reasonable steps to ensure the child's school attendance. Act 29 also provides that truant students lose their driver's license for ninety (90) days for the first offense, and six (6) months for the second offense.

This purpose of this letter is to officially notify you of the attendance situation to date, the potential consequences of such absences, and our goal to work collaboratively on a positive resolution to this matter. Regular school attendance is an important part of every student's success and is necessary in order to gain the greatest benefit from the educational experience. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania school code and the New Hope Solebury district policy both require regular daily school attendance. All absences are recorded as unlawful until the school district receives a written excuse explaining the reason for the absence. If a written excuse is not received within three calendar days, the absence is permanently recorded as unlawful.

At this point, we are looking to speak with you in order to mutually create a Truancy Elimination Plan for your child. Our School Social Worker or School Counselor will be in touch to arrange a school family conference.

If you have any questions, please call us so that we can work together to ensure your child's educational success. (Enclosed, for your reference, are copies of the penalties for violation of the state of Pennsylvania's compulsory attendance requirements)

Sincerely,

Charles Malone,
Director of Elementary and Secondary Education
cc: Principal, Counselor; Student File
(Enclosures: Law and SAP Brochure)

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