



## Range Elementary School

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Dear Parents:

Please be advised that Sec 25.085 of the Texas Education Code states that a child who is at least six years of age who has not yet reached the child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday shall attend school unless exempt by law. The law also stipulates that "upon enrollment in pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, a child must attend school." Children enrolled in PK or K are under the same attendance requirements as all other schoolchildren of the State.

The law (SB 1432 Sec. 25.094) states that a student commits an offense of the law if the student is absent from school without excuse on ten or more days or parts of days within a six-month period or on three or more days or parts of days in a four week period. In addition, Section 25.093 states that a parent commits an offense if he or she fails to require the child to attend school as required by law.

Please be advised that according to Sec. 25.092 of the Texas Education Code, a student may not be given credit of a class unless the student is in attendance for at least 90% of the days the class is offered. This law does not distinguish between excused and unexcused absences.

Should the total number of unexcused absences reach or exceed three days or parts of days in a four week period, the district may file a complaint against the parent or the student in Dallas County Truancy Court. Should the total number of absences reach or exceed ten days or parts of days in a six month period, the district shall file a complaint against the parent or the student.

It is the parent's duty to monitor the student's school attendance and require the student to attend school. In the event that the parent or student is found in violation of the Texas Compulsory Attendance Law, they would be subject to prosecution under Sec. 25.093 or 25.094 of the Texas Education Code.

Please carefully review the contents of this letter and contact the school to discuss attendance concerns with the appropriate administrators.

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Attendance Administrator

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