

Jefferson City Schools
COMPULSORY STUDENT ATTENDANCE LAW
2008– 2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Notification of Provisions of Georgia’s “Compulsory Student Attendance Law”
O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.1

The Jefferson City Board of Education and the State of Georgia believe that regular attendance at school is important to a child’s academic success. The law requires that all children between their sixth and sixteenth birthdays be enrolled in and regularly attend an approved educational program.

According to State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.10, Student Attendance, a student is considered truant when he/she is subject to the compulsory attendance law and has accumulated more than five (5) unexcused absences during the school year. The responsibility for assuring compliance with the compulsory law resides with parents, guardians, and other persons having control or charge of school age children.

Failure to comply with the law is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not less than \$25.00 and not greater than \$100.00, imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, community service, or any combination of such penalties. Each unexcused absence after five (5) for the year is a separate criminal offense, and the penalties described above will apply independently to each such offense.

In accordance with O.C.G.A. 40-5-22, a student between the ages of 14 and 17 who has more than 10 school days of unexcused absences in any semester or combination of two consecutive quarters will be subject to denial or suspension of his/her instruction permit or driver’s license.

By signing below you are acknowledging receipt of the information contained in this document.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

(In accordance with 20-2-690.1, any student age 10 or older as of September 1 must sign acknowledging receipt of information related to student attendance.)