

Compulsory Education Information Letter

Dear Parent / Guardian:

Because of the school's commitment to quality education, we are concerned when a student misses school for any reason. The Jordan School District requires that all students achieve mastery in the basic skills identified for reading, language arts and mathematics. Absence from school interferes with the student's opportunity to master these skills.

According to the Utah Compulsory Education Law (53 A - 11 - 101), every school age child from six to eighteen years of age must be enrolled and attending school. The law indicates parents are responsible for their student's regular school attendance. It is a Class B misdemeanor if you fail to have your student enrolled and attending school regularly. Students twelve years and older are subject to juvenile court jurisdiction if they are not enrolled and attending school on a regular basis.

Occasionally, a student must be absent from school for reasons which the law recognizes as valid and acceptable. Please notify the school every time your student is absent and explain the reason for the absence. The school may require documentation from a physician regarding a student's absence. Whenever possible, appointments with doctors and other medical providers should not be scheduled during school hours. If appointments must occur during school hours, the student will be excused only for the medical appointment and travel time.

Your cooperation is needed to provide your student a quality education. The school is directed by Utah law to refer to court your student and or the parent / guardian for habitual truancy or non-compliance with the Compulsory Education Law. Your cooperation and support will be a significant contributing influence regarding regular school attendance and academic success for your student.

Please sign below indicating you have read this Compulsory Education Information letter and return to the school.

Student Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent / Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____