



Mid Valley Academy – McAllen  
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To the Parents of Students in Mid-Valley Academy:

Truancy Policy:

Every student is required to attend school five days of the week, that is, **20 hours** per week according to Section 25.085 of the Texas Education Code. Students cannot fail to attend school for:

- 10 or more days or part of days within a six-month period in the same school year; or
- 3 or more days or parts of days within a four-week period,

without an excuse as provided for by law, with no exemptions from the requirement to attend school under Section 25.085 of the Texas Education Code. A child's failure to attend school as mandated by the law may constitute the offense of FAILURE TO ATTEND SCHOOL which is defined in the Texas Education Code Section 25.094 and/or TRUANCY which is defined in the Texas Family Code 51.036(b)(2).

If a child is truant, the school Truancy Officer must refer to the court for appropriate legal action. This may result in the child being fined or adjudicated as a "Child in Need of Supervision" pursuant to the Texas Family Code. Additionally, the child shall be disciplined accordingly with the school district's policy regarding truancy. Thwarting Compulsory Attendance, Truancy and Failure to attend School are serious offenses and conviction and/or adjudication of this offense may result in monetary fines, court costs, and other consequences for you and your child. Please take notice of this letter and take the appropriate measures to ensure that your child attends school.

Students should be present and in class NO LATER THAN 7:55 AM for the morning scheduled classes or by 12:55 PM for the afternoon scheduled classes. Any change in scheduling is subject to availability of space and at the Academy Directors approval. Students are required to be present during the entire session. If students are to be absent or late, their parents and/or guardian must call and inform the office and explain why the student is not going to be able to attend class. Students who are late three times will result in one unexcused absence. At the moment that students reach three unexcused absences due to tardiness, truancy WILL be issued. Doctor's excuses must be brought in the day of issuance or no later than 2 days in order to be counted as excused absences.

Sincerely,

Mr. Victor Benavidez  
Academy Director

Mr. Daniel S. Rosales  
Truancy Officer