

# IT'S THE LAW FOR YOUR STUDENT TO BE IN SCHOOL

The State of Tennessee passed and implemented new truancy laws beginning the 2021-2022 school year. Columbia Central in determining its attendance policies adheres to the following: Tennessee Department of Education Rules & Regulations, Maury County Board of Education Policies, Tennessee Code Annotated, and United States Code Annotated.

## MCPS PROGRESSIVE TRUANCY INTERVENTION PLAN

Prior to referral to juvenile court, the following progressive truancy intervention plan will be implemented:

- ◆ **Tier I: All students begin the school year in Tier I;** Attendance Expectations Letter is sent to parent/guardian the first week of school; attendance clerk will make personal contact with the parent/guardian at 3 unexcused absences
- ◆ **Tier II starts at 5 Unexcused Absences** and includes the following: Conference with student and parent; Attendance Contract; regularly scheduled follow-up meeting to discuss the student's progress; an individualized assessment detailing reasons for absences and if necessary, referral to counseling, community-based services, or other services to address the student's attendance problems, if necessary
- ◆ **Tier III starts at 10 Unexcused Absences** and shall be implemented if the truancy interventions in Tier II are unsuccessful. Tier III may consist of one or more of the following: School-based community services; participation in school-based restorative justice program; referral to school-based teen court; or Saturday or after-school courses designed to improve attendance and behavior
- ◆ **12 unexcused absences** or failure to comply with the Progressive Truancy Intervention Plan at the school level (to include placement in Tier III) will result in referral to District Truancy Review Board and a petition to Juvenile Court

*School Success starts with Attendance*

## STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to complete the student registration/contact form with valid information so that we may contact you regarding any school-related issues.

- ◆ NO phone calls, emails or notes will be accepted to change contact information. Parent/guardian MUST make changes in person in the attendance office.

## TENNESSEE LEARNER'S PERMIT/DRIVER LICENSE

A Certificate of Compulsory School Attendance

may be picked up at the school, if the student qualifies.

Please allow for a 24-hour turn around time upon request.

***Every Day Counts***

**\*\*I acknowledge that I have read and understand the MCPS/Columbia Central High School Attendance Expectations for the 2023-2024 school year.\*\***

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Name)

Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Parent : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This information may also be found on the school's website.



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