

Parent and Student Acknowledgment

Pursuant to state law¹, each student shall receive a copy of the Student Code of Conduct, and the Atlanta Public School System requires the signature of the student and a parent or guardian to acknowledge the receipt of this Code of Conduct. Therefore, when you receive this handbook it is required that you sign, date, and return this acknowledgement immediately to your child's school. **A parent or guardian who does not acknowledge receipt of the Student Code of Conduct shall not be released of any responsibility with respect to the information contained herein.**

Pursuant to state law², each parent and student shall receive notice of the **COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAW**. Each parent, guardian or person having control or charge of any child between the ages of 6 and 16 are required to enroll and send said child to a public school, private school or any home study program that meets the requirements for public school, private school or any home study program.

Consequences and Penalties for Failure to Comply with the Compulsory School Attendance Law

- 1) Any parent, guardian or person who has control or charge of children and violates the Compulsory Attendance Law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, the parent, guardian or person having control or charge of a child or children shall be subject to 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 the penalties at the discretion of the Court.
- 2) Each day absence from school in excess of five (5) unexcused days of absence after notice has been given to the parent, guardian or person having control or charge of a child or children, shall constitute a separate offense of Georgia's Compulsory School Attendance Law.
- 3) After two reasonable attempts to notify the parent, guardian or person having control or charge of a child or children of five (5) unexcused absences without response, the school system shall send a notice to the parent, guardian or person having control or charge of a child or children by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- 4) Violation of Georgia's Compulsory School Attendance Law shall be referred to the Juvenile Court of competent jurisdiction.

IT IS REQUIRED THAT YOU SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL BY SEPTEMBER 1st or within 10 days of your receipt of the handbook. The school shall retain a signed copy of this notice through the end of the school year. All students over the age of ten (10) are required to sign this acknowledgement. The placement of your signature below acknowledges that you have received the following: (1) the Student Handbook, (2) the Student Code of Conduct, and (3) the Compulsory School Attendance Law.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

School: _____

¹ O.C.G.A. § 20-2-736

² O.C.G.A § 20-2-690.1