

# ROME CITY SCHOOLS

## Compulsory School Attendance

Georgia's compulsory attendance law requires that every parent, guardian or other person residing within the state having control or charge of any child or children between their sixth and sixteenth birthdays shall enroll and send such child or children to a state approved education program. (20-2-690.1).

## Positive Benefits of School Attendance

- The student becomes a part of the educational and social learning process.
- The student will have the opportunity to develop his/her own areas of interest for life skills.
- The student will be provided opportunities to make career choices.

## Consequences of Failure to Comply with the Compulsory Attendance Law

- The student becomes deficient in developing life-long learning skills.
- The student will be referred to the Rome City/Floyd County Truancy Treatment Team to assist the family in developing a plan to comply with the compulsory attendance law.
- The student is subject to failure.

## Penalties for Failure to Comply with the Compulsory Attendance Law

- The student and parents/guardians will be referred to the Floyd County Department of Family Children Services on the grounds of educational neglect.
- The student and parents/guardians will be referred to the Floyd County Juvenile Court for truancy.
- The parents /guardians will be subject to fines (\$25 to \$100), imprisonment (maximum 30 days), and/or community service if found to be in violation.

The student and parent /guardian signatures below reflect their receipt and understanding of the compulsory school attendance law and the importance of regular school attendance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature (if applicable)  
(Students 10 years old and older)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please return the white copy of this form to your child's homeroom teacher the following school day. The yellow copy is for your records.**