



Compulsory Education Information Letter

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

Dear Parent,

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

**According to the Utah Compulsory Attendance Laws (53A-11-101), every school age child must be in school. The parents are responsible for their children's regular school attendance. It is a misdemeanor if you fail to have your child in regular attendance.**

Occasionally, a student must be absent from school for reasons which are acceptable to the school as well as the court. School policy includes the following reasons as acceptable: illness, medical appointments, family emergencies, death of a family member or close friend, observance of religious holidays, or travel with prior approval of school principal.

Please send us a written note every time your child is absent explaining the reason. The school and the court usually require a statement from a doctor regarding extended absences for illness. Appointments with doctors should be arranged after school hours whenever possible. If they must occur during school hours, the student is excused only for the time it takes for the appointment and traveling time.

Your cooperation is needed to help us give your student a quality education.

Sincerely,

Principal

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Please sign below indicating you have read the Compulsory Education Information Letter of Guadalupe Charter School and return the form to the school.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_