



August 18, 2014

Dear Parent/ Guardian:

Expecting that all students will achieve at their highest potential is a strategic goal of New Life Charter Academy. In order for your child to be successful in school, he or she needs to attend school each and every day. Florida laws say that you are responsible for your child's attendance. Section 1003.27, Florida Statutes, provides that a parent or guardian refuses or fails to have a child attend school regularly or refuses to participate in meeting concerning the child's truancy.

The School Board Of Broward County, Florida in partnership with the Broward County State Attorney's Office has initiated the Broward Truancy Intervention Program (BTIP). The intent of the program is to prevent truancy (unexcused absences). Your child's attendance will be monitored on a daily basis and unexcused absences, the State Attorney's Office will be notified, and they will issue a subpoena your child's records. These records may be used in court against you. The State Attorney's Office may take appropriate action up to and including criminal prosecution of the parent/ guardian of the truant child.

You are required to contact the school each time your child is absent and provide the school with the reason for the absence. When you are notified of an unexcused absence, you are required to immediately contact the school to discuss the situation and to take action to stop truant behavior. To report absences, you must call (954) 381-5199.

If you need further information about this truancy prevention program, please contact the school. Please sign and return the form at the bottom of the page indicating you have read and understood the information concerning the Broward Truancy Intervention Program.

Sincerely,

New Life Charter Academy Board

I have read and understood the information above regarding the Broward Truancy Intervention Program (BTIP).

Child's name (print) _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____