

STATE REGULATIONS

Compulsory Attendance Law

Section 25.085 of the Texas Education Code requires students who are at least six years old as of September 1st of the applicable school year to attend school until the student's eighteenth birthday unless specifically exempted by law. This law also applies to students below the compulsory attendance age who are enrolled in pre-kindergarten or kindergarten. Students are required to "attend each school day for the entire period of the program of instruction...is offered."

The law places the responsibility upon parents or those who stand in parental relationship to ensure that the child attends school regularly. Under law, the student's parent is subject to prosecution under Section 25.093 of the Texas Education Code if:

- The student is absent from school on ten or more days or parts of days within a six month period in the same school year.
- The student is absent from school on three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period.

An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of up to \$500 per offense. Redland Oaks Elementary enforces the Texas Education Code and will report all offenses to the appropriate authority as required by law.