

Humboldt County Superior Court School Attendance Court Diversion Contract-MISDEMEANOR

Parent/Guardian _____. You have been placed on a nine (9) month informal diversion. The Complaint will be dismissed if you successfully complete this contract and case plan. The purpose of this contract and case plan is to provide you, the Parent/Guardian, the opportunity to successfully and substantially improve the attendance of your student.

TERMS OF DIVERSION/INFORMAL SUPERVISION CONTRACT AND CASE PLAN:

- ☐ 1. Ensure my child(ren)'s attendance at school is in compliance with California Education Code 48200 requiring students ages 6-18 to attend school for the full time designated as a school day (see reverse for complete explanation and allowances for absences).
- ☐ 2. Successful completion of this contract will be on _____ unless extended or dismissed early.
- ☐ 3. If my child(ren) have thirty (30) straight school days of perfect attendance, this contract will be dismissed early.
- ☐ 4. Failing to comply with this contract may result in an extension of the supervision contract for additional months.
- ☐ 5. I am responsible for attending every Court date given to me, except:

When my student is 100% in compliance with attendance laws (California Education Code 48205) between Court dates (no unexcused absences or tardies), I can be released from the next Court date by the Court Liaison. I am responsible for contacting the Court Liaison no sooner than the Wednesday prior to each Court date. Contact numbers are: **707-445-7098** or **707-362-9617**.

- ☐ 6. I have been given a list of Family Resource Centers that I can contact for assistance with barriers to attendance.
- ☐ 7. I will enroll and participate in Parent Project, Loving Solutions, Love and Logic, or another parenting workshop as directed by the court.
- ☐ 8. I will meet with _____ School District to discuss my concerns about my child(ren)'s attendance.
- ☐ 9. Goals, services, and conditions of diversion/informal supervision: _____

Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to prevent the District Attorney from filing a Notice of Termination of Diversion/Informal Supervision Contract and Case Plan at any time within the term of this agreement.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

I agree with the above requirements and will participate in the successful completion of the contract, case plan, and services offered in order to improve my child(ren)'s attendance.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

District Attorney/Representative Date

Contact Number: _____

Case Number: _____

Counsel for Parent/Guardian Date

Superior Court Judge Date

Process for Attending Court Dates

- 1) You are ordered to attend every court date in the 9 months of your Diversion, unless:
 - a. Your student has 100% compliance with attendance as defined in the California Education Code, **AND**
 - b. You are excused by the Court Liaison, **OR**
 - c. Your student maintains perfect attendance for 30 straight school days, **AND**
 - d. Your case is dismissed.
- 2) 100% compliance with the California Education Code means your student attends **school each day, every class, on time** but allows for excused absences from school. Valid excuses for missing school are on the right. If your student's attendance is in compliance with these guidelines, you may be excused from Court by the Court Liaison.
- 3) Tardies, unexcused absences, and invalid excuses for absences count against 100% compliance and you will be expected to be in Court. Assume you are to be in Court unless you are told by the Liaison you do not have to attend.
- 4) Excessive excused absences that total 10% of the student's educational days are considered chronic truancy and are disallowed. In these cases, you will be asked to attend Court dates and work with the Court Liaison and school to resolve the issues.
- 5) Perfect attendance means no school is missed for any reason. This is only required if you want your case dismissed early.
- 6) You **MUST** contact the Court Liaison prior to **EVERY** court date to be excused, even if you believe your student has 100% attendance. **707-445-7098 or 707-362-9617**
- 7) We want to focus on the positive. We will celebrate you and your student's success at the end of the school year.

Valid Excused Absences Per California Educational Code Section 48205

- 1) Due to his or her illness.
- 2) Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
- 3) For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
- 4) For the purpose of attending the funeral services of a member of his or her immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than one day if the service is conducted in California and not more than three days if the service is conducted outside California.
- 5) For the purpose of spending time with an immediate member of the student's family who is an active duty member of the uniformed services and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment to a combat zone or combat support position. Absences granted shall be for a period of time determined at the discretion of the superintendent of the school district.
- 6) Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent.
- 7) Due to an appearance in court
- 8) Due to observance of a holiday or ceremony of his or her religion, attendance at religious retreats [Not to exceed four hours per semester; must be approved in advance at least one day prior to requested release]
- 9) Due to attendance at an employment conference [Must be approved in advance]
- 10) Due to need to secure proper immunization. [No more than 5 days]
- 11) Due to attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization when the pupil's absence is requested in writing by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.
- 12) For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code.