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Hennepin County Attorney's Office
Educational Neglect/Truancy Program



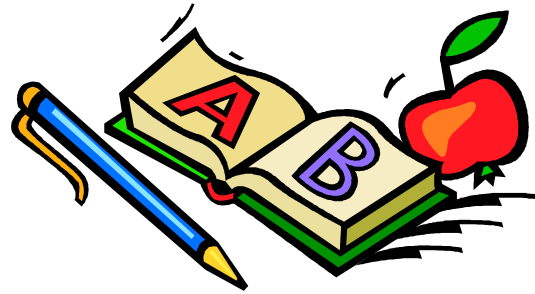
Did You Know?

Did You Know That Regular School Attendance Matters?



- **Did you know** that your child is truant if he/she has 7 unexcused absences during a school year?
- **Did you know** that failing to attend school regularly is linked to:

Criminal behavior
Dropping out of school
Drug use
Teen pregnancy



- **Did you know** that children who are truant in elementary school often develop a pattern of truancy that leads to dropping out of school?
- **Did you know** that 50% of children who drop out of school are unemployed as adults?
- **Did you know** that children who are truant often have low self-esteem and feel rejected?
- **Did you know** that education is your child's best chance for getting a good job and staying out of trouble?
- **Did you know** that most children want to go to school and learn?
- **Did you know** that the law requires parents to get their children to school between the ages of 7 and 16?

- **Did you know** that if your child has 7 unexcused absences in a school year, the law considers you to be neglecting your child?
- **Did you know** that if you are neglecting your child's education, Child Protection or the Hennepin County Attorney's Office may have to get involved in your family and you could have to go to Court?
- **Did you know** that there are people willing to help if you are having problems getting your child to school?
- **Did you know** that the Hennepin County Attorney's Office has a program called ***be@school*** that can help you get your child to school?

