

San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District

Goodnight Middle School

1301 Highway 123 ~ San Marcos, TX 78666 ~ (512)757-8490

December 22, 2020

HIGH ALERT

TO THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF:

Judith Evelynne Hearne
619 Barbara Dr
San Marcos, TX 78666

RE: Student Absent from School: Judith Evelynne Hearne, {[StudentUniqueId]}

Dear SMCISD Parent or Guardian:

Judith Evelynne Hearne has now missed more than 5 unexcused days of school/class within the last three months of school. Excessive school absences lead to lowered performance in student achievement making it more difficult to read, write and do math on grade level. In a typical school year, ten or more absences are excessive and Judith Evelynne Hearne now has more than 5.

State law requires to attend school regularly in order to remain on grade level and graduate on time with her class. Due to the number of unexcused absences of Judith Evelynne Hearne, the District requires a face-to-face meeting with you and campus administration to discuss ways in which to improve her school attendance. If your child is between the ages of 12-18 years old, she will be placed on an attendance agreement and referred to additional resources to provide support.

Please be aware that parent/guardians and/or students (12-18 years old) are subject to court proceedings once the student reaches 10 unexcused absences within a six month period. Please call the school Attendance Clerk, April Clark, at 512-757-8491 to schedule an appointment with a school administrator. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Kashen Greathouse
Principal
MARCUS ALVAREZ

| When Do Absences Become a Problem? | |
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| Severe | CHRONIC ABSENCE 18 or more days or parts of days in a school year |
| Warning | WARNING SIGNS 10 to 17 days or parts of days in a school year |
| Satisfactory | SATISFACTORY 9 or fewer days or parts of days in a school year |

Texas law requires students to attend school regularly and requires parent to make sure their child attends school regularly (Texas Education Code 25.0915). In addition, parents are subject to prosecution (Texas Education Code 25.093) and students to be referred to truancy court (Texas Family Code 65.003(a)) for non-attendance.

