

Siskiyou County Probation Department 269 Sharps Road Recipient Name Address City, ST ZIP Code

Siskiyou County Probation Truancy Prevention Efforts

"Invest in your future today"



SOMEHOW WE'VE
COME TO BELIEVE THAT
GREATNESS IS ONLY
FOR THE CHOSEN FEW,
FOR THE SUPERSTARS.
THE TRUTH IS, GREATNESS
IS FOR US ALL. THIS IS
NOT ABOUT LOWERING
EXPECTATIONS; IT'S
ABOUT RAISING THEM
FOR EVERY LAST ONE
OF US. GREATNESS IS
NOT IN ONE SPECIAL
PLACE, AND IT'S NOT
IN ONE SPECIAL
PERSON.
GREATNESS
IS WHEREVER
SOMEBODY IS TRYING
TO FIND IT.

Probation and Siskiyou School Districts

The Siskiyou County Probation
Department is teaming up with
schools in your District to improve
our youth truancy epidemic by
taking an active role in monitoring
those youth who are truant from
their school, and at risk of expulsion.
Probation also wants to add support
to the parent(s)/guardians who may
be struggling with a defiant youth
who does not want to attend school.

Truancy: First Step to a Lifetime of Problems

For a growing number of youth, truancy may be a first step to a lifetime of unemployment, crime, and incarceration. Truancy may be the beginning of a lifetime of problems for students who routinely skip school. Truant students are at high risk of being drawn into behaviors involving drugs, alcohol, or violence.

What to expect from Probation

A probation officer will be notified of a students' unexcused absences from the school. That officer will attempt to contact the student and the parents and offer any additional services in an informal matter that can encourage the student to participate in his/her education.

Penalties for parents of a truant student

If the probation officer is unsuccessful with informal attempts, the officer may file a petition with the District Attorney's Office and the parents can be prosecuted pursuant to Section 601.4(b) of the California Welfare and Institutions Code. Penalties for conviction include:

- Court Fines
- Court ordered parent education and counseling program.
- Parents may also be prosecuted for violation of Section 272 of the California Penal Code, and be ordered to serve up to 1 Year in jail and pay a fine of \$2,500.00 or up to 5 year's probation.



Penalties for truant student

If a student continues to be truant from school and refuses to participate in any informal programs probation has ordered. The probation department will file a 601 Welfare and Institution Code petition with the Court and, if declared a ward of the Court, the student will be subject to:

- 20 to 40 hours of community service work
- A \$50.00 fine
- Attendance in a Courtapproved truancy prevention program
- Suspension or revocation of driving privileges pursuant to Section 13202.7 of the California Vehicle Code.

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