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Three laws all parents should know.

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Gary Police Department would like to welcome all of the city students back to school. We hope the 2015-2016 school year will be a safe, prosperous and fun year. In order to make this year the best it can be. We would like to inform parents and students about three laws that we will strictly enforce this year.

1. Attendance:

It is important that children attend school regularly. If a child receives **10 (ten) unexcused absences**, the parent will be charged with the following;

- The City of Gary, City Ordinance Violation section 28-4. Parental neglect, knowingly permitting the minor to be absent without cause from regular school sessions.
- Indiana's compulsory attendance law, Failure to Educate, Indiana Code 20-33-2-27; 20-33-2-28 and 20-33-2-44. Failure to educate, which is a **Class B Misdemeanor** punishable by 180 days in the Lake County Jail and a fine of One Thousand dollars and no/cents (\$1000.00).

2. Address Notification:

Parents are required to keep their children's school informed of their current address. If a parent fails to do so he/she will be charged with the following;

- The City of Gary, City Ordinance Violation section 28-4. Parental neglect, knowingly changing the residence where the minor resides and failing to notify the minor's school of the new address.

3. Curfew:

The city of Gary Curfew Ordinance is as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any minor child the age of **17 years of age and under** to be on any street or alley or to loiter on any street or alley or to be in any motor vehicle or public place **between the hours of 10:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. Sunday through Thursday, and between the hours of 12:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M. each Friday and Saturday** (this time period shall also include the Fridays and Saturdays during the summer hours from June 15 to August 31). **During the period of June 15 to August 31, the curfew hours during the weekday shall be 11:00P.M. to 5:00 A.M.** of the following day.



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