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## Notice to Parent or Guardian

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Title 17 Guam Code Annotated (Education) states in part:

### **§ 6102. Duty to Send Children to School.**

Any parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any child who is at least five (5) years of age and has not reached the age eighteen (18) years, not exempted under the provisions of this Article, shall send the child to a public or private full-time day school for the full-time of which such schools are in session, except that the starting date of school for children five (5) years of age shall be determined by the provisions of §6103 and 6107 of this Article. The Superintendent is authorized to establish attendance areas. Any parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any such child who is at least five (5) years of age, and has not reached the age eighteen (18) years, who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section, *unless* excused or exempted therefrom, is guilty of a violation for the first offense, and subject to perform one hundred (100) hours of community service at the school of the student. For each subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

### **§ 6401. (c) Truant.**

“Truant” means a pupil found to be absent from school without a bona fide excuse from a parent.

### **§ 6402. Habitual Truant.**

A pupil is a habitual truant if the pupil has incurred twelve (12) or more unexcused absences in a school year, and is of compulsory attendance age. If any pupil is a habitual truant, the principal of the pupils school shall request the Superintendent to file a petition concerning such habitual truant in the Family Court of Guam.

### **§ 6403. Attendance Officer.**

The Superintendent *shall* appoint employees of the Department of Education, as School Attendance Officers. The School Attendance Officers, any peace officers, principal, or dean may take into custody during school hours without warrant, any truant found away from the truant’s home and who has been reported truant. For the purposes of Title 10 GCA, Chapter 55, §55102, School Attendance Officers are *not* classified as public safety and law enforcement officers.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT:**

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

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School Attendance Officer

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Date