

ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Consequences & Penalties for Failure to Comply with
the Compulsory School Attendance Law

CODE SECTION 20-2-690.1

“Any parent or guardian or person who has control or charge of children and violates the Compulsory Attendance Law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, the parent, guardian or person having control or charge of a child or children shall be subject to a fine not less than \$25.00 and not greater than \$100.00, imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, community service or any combination of the penalties at the discretion of the Court.

Each day’s absence from school in excess of five (5) unexcused days of absence after notice has been given to the parent, guardian or person having control or charge of a child or children, shall constitute a separate offense of Georgia’s Compulsory School Attendance Law.

After two reasonable attempts to notify the parent, guardian or person having control or charge of a child or children of five (5) unexcused absences without response, the school system shall send a notice to the parent, guardian or person having control or charge of a child or children by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Violation of Georgia’s Compulsory School Attendance law shall be referred to the Juvenile Court of competent jurisdiction.

“Local school superintendents shall have the authority to enforce this law as it relates to private schools and home study programs.”