



**MARSHALL COUNTY  
GENERAL SESSIONS & JUVENILE COURT**

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**JUDGE LEE BUSSART BOWLES**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Juvenile Court assists the Marshall County School System in enforcement of the Compulsory School Attendance Law. As a parent or guardian of a student under eighteen (18) years of age, you are responsible for the school attendance of your child(ren).

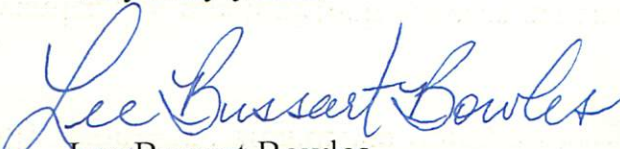
A child is considered truant after receiving five (5) unexcused absences. A truant child and their parent or guardian must appear before the Truancy Board. Failure to follow the Truancy Board's recommendation will result in an appearance before the Juvenile Court. Please carefully review the attendance policy to avoid court involvement.

I commonly advise parents and juveniles that much of their success depends on showing up. If children do not attend school, children are more likely to fail. A child deserves every opportunity to succeed. Therefore, if the Court finds a child to be unlawfully truant, a parent should expect to be punished, including public service work or incarceration.

Thank you for your efforts in promoting school attendance in your family. I encourage your family to set a goal of perfect attendance this school year. With perfect attendance, you will afford your child every opportunity for success.

Best wishes to you and your family for a healthy and successful school year. Please feel free to contact the Youth Service Office for assistance at 359-4823.

Very truly yours,

  
Lee Bussart Bowles