

CAUSE NO. _____

IN THE MATTER OF _____,
CHILD

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IN THE TRUANCY COURT

PRECINCT NO. _____

_____ COUNTY, TEXAS

TRUANT CONDUCT RIGHTS INFORMATION SHEET

1. You have the right to plead NOT TRUE to the allegations. This plea will require the petitioner to prove the truant conduct beyond a reasonable doubt.
2. You have the right to a trial by jury, and may not be charged a fee for exercising that right. If you have a trial by jury, the jury must unanimously find that you engaged in truant conduct before the court may enter a remedial order.
3. You have the right to an interpreter if you are deaf or if you do not speak the English language.
4. You have a right to confront the witnesses against you.
5. You have the right not to testify against yourself in this case.
6. You have the right to be represented by an attorney. You do not have the right to court-appointed counsel, though the court may elect to appoint an attorney to represent you in the interest of justice.
7. You have the right to appeal the court's decision in this case. You will have 21 days from the date of adjudication to appeal. The state also has the right to appeal.
8. If you are found to have engaged in truant conduct, you have the right to have the records in this case sealed when you turn 18, but only if you comply with the court's orders in the case. If the records are sealed, they may not be revealed or used against you in any way.