

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is committed to promoting educational opportunities, has inherent authority over education, and sees formal education as a means to preserve, protect, and empower, and perpetuate the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Education Department currently sponsors a monthly forum for school administrators of the K-12 schools (public, parochial, grant, B.I.A.) on the Fort Apache Reservation to address common issues such as achievement levels, attendance rates, drop out rates, school discipline, safe environment, testing standards, curriculum and instructional practices, alternative education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Education Department and the Fort Apache Indian Reservation school administrators have collaborated on the topic of compulsory school attendance and enforcement at a series of monthly forums and have jointly agreed upon the following attendance policy:

An excused absence is defined as a written note to the school acknowledging one of the following:

1. Medical reasons which can be documented by a physician if the absences exceed three consecutive days.
2. Death in the family.
3. Cultural reasons.
4. Pre-arranged event.

If a child accumulates 2 un-excused absences, school officials will notify the parent.  
If a child accumulates 6 un-excused absences, school officials will notify WMAT Police Truancy Officer. The truancy officer will notify the guardian, if possible.  
If the Truancy Officer is unavailable, school officials will notify the child's guardian.  
High School students may be dropped from classes for 6 un-excused absences.

If a child accumulates 10 un-excused absences, the truancy officer shall file charges of delinquency against the child in juvenile court. The truancy officer will provide a copy of any charges of delinquency with the Tribal Juvenile Prosecutor who shall advise and confer with the Director of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Social Services Department for all children who are clients therein.

If a child accumulates 15 un-excused absences, charges will be filed against the

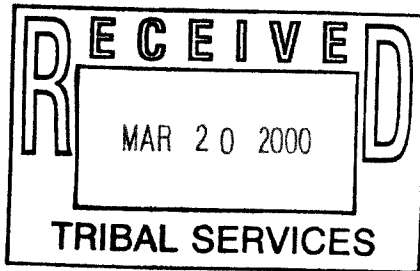
guardian in criminal court.


Note: 3 un-excused tardies = 1 absence

**WHEREAS**, the proposed attendance policy is deemed appropriate and necessary to ensure consistency and coordination among all K-12 schools on the Fort Apache Reservation in reporting truancy to Tribal Social Services and/or the Whiteriver Police Department.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the attendance policy to be used at all the K-12 schools on the Fort Apache Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on February 18, 2000 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council