

Dear Citizens of Mobile County

This brochure outlines Alabama's school and juvenile laws. It is a great resource that explains the responsibility for obeying these laws, potential consequences and whether it applies to juveniles, parents or both. It can help you make better decisions whether you are a juvenile being pressured to break the law or a parent who needs support in teaching respect for our laws to your children.

Our laws are strong and strict. Juveniles who commit violent crimes can be tried as adults. Also, juveniles who commit three felonies can receive life without parole under Alabama's Habitual Offender Law.

We at the Mobile County District Attorney's Office are working hard to enforce these laws to ensure safer schools and strong families. Through our Helping Families Initiative, we provide intervention, prevention and agency referral services to families and their school-age children that have excessive absences and disruptive behaviors in schools. You can help! Please use this brochure as your guide to our laws. Report any instances where our laws are violated. Ask for help or for others having trouble obeying our laws.

Help us build safe schools and strong families.

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- Child Advocacy Center — 432-1101
- Bad Checks — 574-5775
- DART — 574-5515
- Drug Court — 574-3317
- Grand Jury — 574-5445
- Helping Families — 574-3306
- Investigations — 574-8412
- Juvenile Prosecution — 574-5250
- Victim Services — 574-3310
- Strickland Youth Center — 574-1450

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Guide to Alabama's School and Juvenile Laws



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Juvenile and Parent Responsibilities Under Alabama's Juvenile and School Laws

J P J P	Applies to juveniles Applies to parents Applies to both parents and juveniles	CONSEQUENCES																		* Judge has discretion	
		Death	State penitentiary	Adult jail	Juvenile detention	Fines / Court costs	Restitution	Probation	Curfew	Drug screens	Loss of driving privileges *	Boot camp *	Wages garnished *	School reports to district attorney	Investigation of child support	Community service	Loss of child custody	Locate absent parent	Loss of right to vote	Loss of right to own gun	
		Truancy			P	J	J P		J P	J	J P	J	J		J P	P	J P	P	P		
Violence or threats of violence at school			P	J	J P	J P	J P	J	J P	J	J		J P	P	J P		P				
Disorderly conduct at school			P	J	J P	J P	J P	J	J P	J	J		J P	P	J P		P				
Use / Purchase of alcohol				J	J		J	J	J	J	J		J P	P	J		P				
Vandalism				J	J	J P	J	J	J	J	J		J P	P	J		P				
Stealing / Shoplifting				J	J	J P	J	J	J	J	J			P	J		P				
Illegal drugs			J	J	J		J	J	J	J	J		J P	P	J		P	J	J		
Abuse of children		P	P	J	J P	J P	J P	J	J P	J	J		J	P	J P	P	P	P	P		
Unpaid child support			P		P	P	P					P		P	P		P				
Capital murder by juvenile	J	J	J	J	J	J												J	J		
Murder by juvenile		J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J								J	J		
Assult by juvenile		J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J		J	P	J		P	J	J		
Robbery by juvenile		J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J		J		J		P	J	J		
Rape by juvenile		J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J		J		J		P	J	J		
Contributing to the delinquency of a minor			P		P	P	P		P				P	P	P	P	P				
Bullying / Harrasment				J	J		J	J	J		J				J						

