

How is the Compulsory Law Enforced?



School Officers are responsible to report every parent of every child who has failed or is deliberately keeping a child from attending primary school.

(Education Act: Part VII Section 36)

Officers are authorized to enter any yard, house, building or place between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to make enquires about any child not attending school.

(Education Act: Part VII Section 37)

Anyone who interferes with the officers investigation can be subjected to a fine not exceeding One Hundred (\$100.) Dollars.

(Education Act: Part VII Section 34)

HOW TO MAKE CONTACT



Address concerns to:

Ms. Shern Robateau

School Community Liaison Officer

Cayo District Education Center

Perez Street, Santa Elena

Tel: 804-2271 . Fax: 824-4221

Email: cayo.dec@moe.gov.bz



Every Day Counts...Stay in School!

School Community Liaison/Security Program

*Ensuring that every child (5-14 yrs.
Goes to school in a safe and healthy
environment.*

It's their Right!



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School Community Liaison and Security

Vision

The School Community Liaison/Security programme, within its capacity of available human, physical and financial resources is committed to ensuring that all school-aged children living in Belize attend school on a regular basis thereby enabling them to obtain a relevant education and become productive and exemplary citizens.

Mission Statement

The School Community Liaison/Security programme, seeks to ensure that all school aged children living in Belize attend safe and secure schools regularly so as to provide themselves with the opportunity to learn and participate constructively in the development of Belize as well as their own personal development.

Vision Statement

- To ensure that all school-aged children attend school.
- To ensure that measures are taken to guarantee that children stay in school.
- To ensure that the school environment is a safe place for children.
- To provide support service to children, parents, teachers, school or any relevant institution that contributes to children regular attendance at school.
- To provide an effective prevention program for school dropouts.
- To provide an effective system of managing and delivery of the School Community Liaison programme.
- To access appropriate support from Government and Non-Government organization and the Community.
- To provide an opportunity for School Community Liaison Officers/Wardens to grow professionally and become more qualified to conduct their duties.

How are these Services Provided?

The SCL/S Program has School Officers and Wardens country-wide who ensure that all school aged children ages 5-14 years attend school in a safe and healthy environment by:

- Monitoring schools attendance
- Conferencing with principals
- Provide security
- Attending PTA's



DO YOU KNOW THAT ATTENDANCE IS COMPULSORY?

Yes, parents have to make sure that every child goes to school and has an opportunity to learn.

The Education Act supports Compulsory Attention for Primary School age children. SCL/SP provides support to school aged children through:

- School visits
- Home visits
- Patrols
- Guidance, Counseling
- Provision of Basic Support
- School Security

FAILURE TO DO SO, RESULT IN:

A fine not exceeding One Hundred (\$100.).

RIGHT TO EDUCATION



WHEN IS A CHILD CONSIDERED TRUANT?

When the child is absent from school for six (6) consecutive sessions:

1. Reason of sickness
2. Natural disasters
3. Excessive rain/flooding
4. Religious Observance
5. Failure or regular transportation system (applies ONLY to students commuting regularly)

