

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ARCHULETA, LA PLATA AND SAN JUAN COUNTIES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2016 - 4

ORDER REGARDING POLICY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ON THE USE OF DETENTION IN A TRUANCY CASE

Whereas Senate Bill 15-184 mandates district-wide policies addressing the use of detention in truancy cases; and has stated that each District create a policy that seeks alternatives to the use of detention as a sanction for truancy, and

Whereas the Chief Judge has conferred with representatives from all local school districts in the 6th judicial district, representatives from the Department of Human Services and members of the local SMART collaborative, and a determination has been made on the most appropriate policy that would address the needs of students appearing in truancy court in our jurisdiction, and

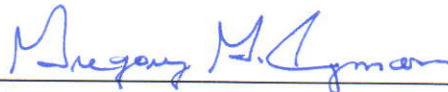
Whereas none of the local school districts have filed a truancy case in over two years, but the districts wish to retain the possibility of doing so, and

Whereas each district will continue to work independently on their own plans to encourage attendance of students as they deem appropriate including the referral of students to the SMART, SARB or CYTF collaboratives or other programs available throughout the district. Each district shall comply with C.R.S 22-33-107 and C.R.S 22-33-108 as it pertains to the ongoing development of truancy reduction plans and if necessary filing of a truancy case in the Sixth Judicial District.

IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

It is the official policy of the Sixth Judicial District that detention is not appropriate in truancy cases and will not be used as a sanction for failing to attend school, even after a student is court ordered to do so.

DONE and ORDERED on February 26th, 2016



Gregory G. Lyman
Chief Judge, Sixth Judicial District