**CHILD’S ANSWER (SEC. 65.060, FAMILY CODE)**

**CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**IN THE MATTER OF** *Child’s Initials* **, § IN THE TRUANCY COURT**

**A CHILD §**

**§ CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** *or*

**§ PRECINCT NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**§ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_COUNTY, TEXAS**

**CHILD’S ANSWER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have reviewed the petition alleging that I engaged in Truant Conduct under Chapter 65 of the Family Code. After being informed of (1) the allegations against me, (2) the nature and possible consequences of the proceedings, (3) my privilege against self-incrimination, (4) my right to trial and to confront witnesses against me, (5) my right to representation by an attorney, and (6) my right to a jury trial, I appear and file my answer of (**CHECK ONE**):

**TRUE**. The State’s Petition alleging Truant Conduct is **TRUE**. The Judge has explained the nature and possible consequences of the proceedings and my rights. I understand the Judge’s explanation. By answering **TRUE**, I choose to **WAIVE** these rights. I understand that by answering **TRUE**, the Court shall determine and order appropriate remedial actions in regard to my Truant Conduct. I understand that waiver of my rights is not required.

**NOT TRUE.** The State’s Petition alleging Truant Conduct is **NOT TRUE**. The Judge has explained the nature and possible consequences of the proceedings and my rights. I understand the Judge’s explanation. By answering **NOT TRUE**, I am choosing to **have a trial.** At trial, the State will have the burden of proving Truant Conduct beyond a reasonable doubt. I understand that unless I waive my right to a jury trial, my case shall be tried before a jury. Accordingly, I (**CHECK ONE**):

☐ **DO NOT WAIVE** my right to a jury trial. I invoke my right to a jury trial.

☐ **WAIVE** my right to a jury trial. I elect to have a trial before the Court.

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Child/Respondent’s Parent/Guardian/Guardian Ad Litem Date

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Child/Respondent’s Attorney, if any Date