

Students

Attendance Supervision

The Superintendent or designee shall appoint an attendance supervisor and any assistant attendance supervisor(s) as may be necessary to supervise the attendance of district students. (Education Code 48240, 48242)

Any person appointed as an attendance supervisor shall be appropriately certificated to perform the work. (Education Code 48241, 48245)

Such supervisors shall perform duties related to compulsory full-time education, truancy, compulsory continuation education, work permits, and any additional duties prescribed by the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48240), (cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance), (cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses), (cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy), (cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits), (cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

The attendance supervisor shall promote a culture of attendance and establish a system to accurately track student attendance in order to achieve all of the following:

1. Raise the awareness of school personnel, parents/guardians, caregivers, community partners, and local businesses of the effects of chronic absenteeism and truancy and other challenges associated with poor attendance
2. Identify and respond to grade level or student subgroup patterns of chronic absenteeism or truancy, (cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students), (cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children), (cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth), (cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families), (cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)
3. Identify and address factors contributing to chronic absenteeism and habitual truancy, including suspension and expulsion (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process), (cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
4. Ensure that students with attendance problems are identified as early as possible to provide applicable support services and interventions
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of strategies implemented to reduce chronic absenteeism rates and truancy rates (cf. 0500 - Accountability)

The attendance supervisor may provide support services and interventions, including, but not limited to, the following: (Education Code 48240)

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1. A conference between school personnel, the student's parent/guardian, and the student
2. Promotion of cocurricular and extracurricular activities that increase student connectedness to school, such as tutoring, mentoring, the arts, service learning, or athletics (cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes). (cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts), (cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities),(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
3. Recognition of students who achieve excellent attendance or demonstrate significant improvement in attendance (cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)
4. Referral of the student to a school nurse, school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, and other student support personnel for case management and counseling (cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services), (cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)
5. Collaboration with child welfare services, law enforcement, courts, public health care agencies, government agencies, or medical, mental health, and oral health care providers to receive necessary services (cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
6. Collaboration with school study teams, guidance teams, school attendance review teams, or other intervention-related teams to assess the attendance or behavior problem in partnership with the student and the student's parents/guardians or caregivers (cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)
7. In schools with significantly higher rates of chronic absenteeism, identification of barriers to attendance that may require schoolwide strategies rather than case management
8. Referral of the student for a comprehensive psychosocial or psychoeducational assessment, including for purposes of creating an individualized education program for a student with disabilities or creating a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program), (cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)
9. Referral of the student to a school attendance review board (SARB) established pursuant to Education Code 48321 or to the probation department pursuant to Education Code 48263, (cf. 5113.12 - District School Attendance Review Board)

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10. Referral of the student to a truancy mediation program operated by the county's district attorney or probation officer pursuant to Education Code 48260.6

Upon receiving any complaint that a parent/guardian or other person having control or charge of a student has violated Education Code 48200-48341, the state compulsory education laws, the attendance supervisor shall investigate the matter and, if a violation is found, shall recommend referral to a SARB. If the district is subsequently notified by the SARB that the parent/guardian continually and willfully has failed to respond to directives of the SARB or the services provided, the attendance supervisor shall refer the matter for possible prosecution in court in accordance with Education Code 48291-48292, as applicable. (Education Code 48290-48292)

The attendance supervisor shall gather and transmit to the County Superintendent of Schools the number and types of referrals made to the SARB and of requests for petitions made to the juvenile court. (Education Code 48273)

The attendance supervisor shall annually report student attendance data to the Superintendent or designee and the Governing Board. Such data shall include, by school, grade level, and each numerically significant student subgroup as defined in Education Code 52052, rates of school attendance, chronic absence in which students are absent on 10 percent or more of the school days in the school year, and dropout. (cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1740	Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county superintendent)
37223	Weekend classes
46000	Records (attendance)
46010-46014	Absences
46110-46119	Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools
46140-46147	Attendance in junior high and high schools
48200-48208	Children ages 6-18 (compulsory full-time attendance)
48240-48246	Supervisors of attendance
48260-48273	Truants
48290-48297	Failure to comply; complaints against parents
48320-48325	School attendance review boards

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48340-48341	Improvement of student attendance
48400-48403	Compulsory continuation education
52052	Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups
52060-52077	Local control and accountability plan
60901	Chronic absence

PENAL CODE

270.1	Chronic truancy; parent/guardian misdemeanor
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WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

601-601.4	Habitually truant minors
11253.5	Compulsory school attendance

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

306	Explanation of absence
420-421	Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes

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