

## **ACCEPTABLE REASONS** **FOR STUDENT ABSENCES**



(Ed. Code 48205, AR 5113) Students must be given an opportunity to complete work, reasonably close to, but not necessarily identical to, missed work.

- Illness
- Quarantine per the directions of a doctor
- Personal, medical, dental, optometric or chiropractic appointments
- Funeral services for a member of the immediate family (limited to 1 day in-state / 3 days out of state)
- Students serving on jury duty
- Exclusion for illness or medical appointment of a child of whom the student is the custodial parent
- Personal court appearance (requires documentation)
- Serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code
- Spending time with a member of the student's immediate family who is an active duty member of the military
- Attending the student's naturalization ceremony to become a US citizen
- Religious retreat (limited to 4 hours per semester)
- Observance of a religious holiday or ceremony (no more than 4 days per month)
- Prior Principal approval for employment conference or educational conference on a legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization
- Prior Principal approval for reasons which may not be included elsewhere, but are pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board
- Employment in the Entertainment industry for a maximum of 5 absences per school year

## **UNACCEPTABLE REASONS** **FOR STUDENT ABSENCES**



- Going to work with parent or other family members
- Bus not available/missing the bus
- Going to the beach, lake, river, mountains or desert
- Going to a concert
- Getting ready for a date
- Babysitting, take care of other family members
- Under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Personal problems
- Repairing car or household items
- Waiting for service or repair people to arrive
- Shopping
- Camping
- Participating in a student demonstration off campus
- Attending a sporting event
- Any other reason not included in "Acceptable Reasons for Excused Absences"

### **The following methods may be used to verify student absences:**

- Written note or email from parent or guardian
- Parent/guardian conversation with attendance secretary in person or via phone
- Visit to student's home by verifying employee
- Note from Doctor

### **All absences must be explained/verified with the school attendance office within 72 hours.**

### **Per California State Law (Ed. Code 48260-4827), a student who is absent from school for unacceptable reasons, will be marked "unexcused" for the day. These types of absences are considered "truancies" after three (3) unexcused absences.**



## **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD (SARB) PROCESS**

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