

Students**ABSENCES AND EXCUSES**

The Governing Board believes that regular attendance plays an important role in achievement.

The Board shall work with parents/guardians and students to ensure their compliance with all state attendance laws and may use appropriate legal means to correct problems of chronic absence or truancy.

Absence from school shall be excused only for health reasons, family emergencies, and justifiable personal reasons, as permitted bylaw, Board policy, and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48205)

Student absence for religious instruction or participation in religious exercises away from school property may be considered excused subject to law and administrative regulations. (Education Code 46014)

Inasmuch as school attendance and class participation are integral to students' learning experiences, parents/guardians and students shall be encouraged to schedule medical and other appointments during non-school hours.

Students shall not be absent from school without their parents/guardians' knowledge or consent, except in cases of medical emergency or, as authorized pursuant to Education Code 46010.1, for a confidential medical appointment.

The Board shall, by resolution entered into its minutes, approve reasonable methods that may be used to verify student absences due to illness or quarantine. (5 CCR 421)

Legal Reference:

<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
5 CCR 306	Explanation of absence
5 CCR 420-421	Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes
Ed. Code 1740	Employment of personnel to supervise attendance
Ed. Code 37201	School month
Ed. Code 37223	Weekend classes
Ed. Code 41601	Reports of average daily attendance
Ed. Code 42238-42250.1	Apportionments
Ed. Code 46000	Attendance records
Ed. Code 46010-46015	Absences
Ed. Code 46110-46120	Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools
Ed. Code 46140-46148	Attendance in junior high and high schools
Ed. Code 48200-48208	Children ages 6-18; compulsory full-time attendance
Ed. Code 48210-48216	Exclusions from attendance

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Ed. Code 48225.5

Ed. Code 48240-48246

Ed. Code 48260-48273

Ed. Code 48292

Ed. Code 48320-48324

Ed. Code 48340-48341

Ed. Code 48980

Ed. Code 49067

Ed. Code 49701

Elec. Code 12302

Fam. Code 6920-6930

W&I Code 11253.5

W&I Code 601-601.5

Management Resources

Attorney General Opinion

Attorney General Opinion

Court Decision

CSBA Publication

Website

Website

Description

Work permit; excused absence; entertainment or allied industries; participation in not-for-profit performing arts organization

Supervisors of attendance

Truants

Filing complaint against parent

School attendance review boards

Improvement of student attendance

Parent/Guardian notifications

Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade

Provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children

Student participation on precinct boards

Consent by minor for medical treatment

Compulsory school attendance

Habitually truant minors

Description

66 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 244 (1983)

87 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 168 (2004)

American Academy of Pediatrics et al v. Lungren et al (1997) 16 Cal.4th 307

Improving Student Achievement by Addressing Chronic Absence, Policy Brief, December 2010

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