



# SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Southern Kern Unified School District Attendance Policy for K - 12th Grade Students

To comply with Ed. Code 48263.6, a **90%** Attendance Policy must be met in grades K - 12.

Students must meet a minimum of **90%** attendance in order to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion Ceremony, High School Graduation and all end of year activities for all grades throughout the school year.

- 1) Students in grades K - 12 must be in class at least **90%** of the school year in order to participate in Graduation/Promotion Ceremonies and all end of year activities.
  - a. 3 (three) tardies of 30 minutes or more equals one full day's absence.
  - b. 3 (three) tardies of less than 30 minutes equals one period of absence.
  - c. Suspensions count as an unexcused day of absence.
    1. Saturday School will NOT excuse a tardy or suspension.
- 2) This is not an excused/unexcused absence policy. This is an Attendance Policy.
- 3) Absences shall be verified by the student's parent/guardian, other person having control of the minor, or the student if age 18 or older (Ed. Code 46012; 5 CCR 306). Verification must be provided **within three (3) school days following the absence.**

### **Ed. Code - 48260.**

(a) A pupil subject to compulsory full-time education or to compulsory continuation education who is absent from school without a valid excuse three full days in one school year or tardy or absent for more than a 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof, shall be classified as a truant and shall be reported to the attendance supervisor or to the superintendent of the school district.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), it is the intent of the Legislature that school districts shall not change the method of attendance accounting provided for in existing law and shall not be required to employ period-by-period attendance accounting.

(c) For purposes of this article, a valid excuse includes, but is not limited to, the reasons for which a pupil shall be excused from school pursuant to Sections 48205 and 48225.5 and may include other reasons that are within the discretion of school administrators and, based on the facts of the pupil's circumstances, are deemed to constitute a valid excuse.

### **Ed. Code - 48263.6.**

Any pupil subject to compulsory full-time education or to compulsory continuation education who is absent from school without a valid excuse for 10 percent or more of the schooldays in one school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date, is deemed a chronic truant, provided that the appropriate school district officer or employee has complied with Sections 48260, 48260.5, 48261, 48262, 48263, and 48291.

**This Attendance Policy is effective for the following schools of the Southern Kern Unified School District.**

### **Southern Kern Unified School District**

Abraham Lincoln Independent Study  
Rare Earth Continuation High School  
Rosamond High Early College Campus  
Tropico Middle School  
Rosamond Elementary  
Westpark Elementary

