

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

The Governing Board of the Oxnard Union High School District believes that regular attendance plays an important role in student 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.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance) (cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance) (cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

Excused Absences

In accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation, absence from school shall be excused only for health reasons, family emergencies, and justifiable personal reasons as specified in Education Code 48205).

In as much as class participation is an integral part of students' learning experiences, parents/guardians and students shall be encouraged to schedule medical appointments during non-school hours.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Students shall not be absent from school without their parents/guardians' knowledge or consent except in cases of medical emergency or confidential medical appointment.

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)

Effect of Absence on Grades/Credits

If a student's absence is excused under Education Code 48205, he/she shall be allowed to complete any missed assignment or test that can be reasonably given, as determined by the teacher of that class.

The student shall be given full credit for the assignment or test if he/she satisfactorily completes the assignment or test within a reasonable period of time. (Education Code 48205)

A student's grades may be affected by excessive unexcused absences in accordance with Board Policy 5121.

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).

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(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement) (cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1740 Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county superintendent) 2550-2558.6 Computation of revenue limits

37201 School month

37223 Weekend classes

41601 Reports of average daily attendance 42238-42250.1

Apportionments

46000 Records (attendance)

46010-46014 Absences

46100-46119 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)

STUDENTS – BP 5113 (Continued)

EDUCATION CODE (Continued)

48210-48216 Exclusions from attendance 48240-48246

Supervisors of attendance

48260-48273 Truants

48292 Filing complaint against parent

48320-48324 School attendance review boards 48340-48341 Improvement of

student attendance 49067 Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade

49701 Provisions of the interstate compact on educational opportunities for military children

ELECTIONS CODE

12302 Student participation on precinct boards

FAMILY CODE

6920-6929 Consent by minor

VEHICLE CODE

13202.7 Driving privileges; minors; suspension or delay for habitual truancy

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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

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

87 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 168 (2004)
66 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 244 (1983)

COURT DECISIONS

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

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
California Department of Public Health:
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov> Department of Social
Services: <http://www.dss.ca.gov>

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