

RANCHO SANTA FE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 5008: TRUANCY

- A. The Principal or other designee of the Superintendent shall gather the information necessary to comply with Education Code section 48273 relating to truants. This administrator shall gather and transmit to the County Superintendent of Schools the number of referrals and types of referrals made to the county school attendance review board and the number of requests for petitions made to the juvenile court pursuant to Education Code section 48263.
- B. Any pupil subject to compulsory education who is absent without valid excuse three full days in one school year or tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school days 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 Principal or other designee of the Superintendent. For purposes of this Board Policy, a valid excuse includes, but is not limited to, the reasons for which a pupil may be excused from school pursuant to Education Code section 48205 (see Board Policy 5005) and Education Code section 48225.5 and may include other reasons that are within the discretion of the Superintendent based on the facts of the pupil's circumstances as allowed under Education Code section 48260.
- C. Any pupil who has once been reported as a truant and who is again absent from school without valid excuse one or more days, or tardy on one or more days, shall again be reported as a truant to the Principal or other designee of the Superintendent.
- D. Any pupil is deemed an habitual truant who has been reported as a truant three or more times per school year, but no pupil shall be deemed an habitual truant unless the Principal or other designee of the Superintendent has made a conscientious effort to hold at least one conference with the parent/guardian of the pupil and the pupil after the notification in either B or C above.
- E. The Principal or other designee of the Superintendent shall establish a procedure whereby parents/guardians receive written notices if pupils under their control are truant. Such notice shall conform with the requirements in Education Code section 48260.5 and other applicable law.

Legal Reference:

Education Code sections 48205, 48225.5 and 48260-48273

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