

EXEMPTIONS FROM ATTENDANCE

The Board of Trustees may grant exemptions from compulsory attendance to students as allowed by law and in the best interest of the student. Parents/guardians of students granted exemptions shall not incur penalties for violations of the compulsory attendance laws.

Exemptions shall not be used to remove students who are disciplinary problems. Suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs and other administrative measures shall be used with these students.

If a pupil is unable to profit from the school situation because of a physical or mental condition, damage may result to the pupil if he/she is compelled to continue to attend school. If he/she is totally unable to benefit intellectually, emotionally, socially or physically, a release from the situation may improve the well-being of the child, the home, and the school. Every effort should be made to achieve a satisfactory adjustment before the decision to exempt from compulsory education is made.

The California Education Code provides for exemption from compulsory education as follows:

"Section 48221 - Physical or Mental Condition. Children whose physical or mental condition is such as to prevent, or render inadvisable, attendance at school or application to study, shall be exempted, and the Board of Trustees of the school district shall require satisfactory evidence of the condition to be furnished."

Partial-Day Attendance

If a pupil is deemed unable to benefit from a full-day school program because of physical or mental-emotional condition, partial-day attendance may be instituted at the discretion of the principal to relieve stress on both the child and the classroom.

Legal Reference:CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE

46113	Minimum school day for grades four through eight
48200-48204	Persons included (Compulsory Education Law)
48210-48212	Persons excluded (Compulsory Education Law)
48220-48232	Pupils exempt (Compulsory Education Law)
48410	Persons exempted from continuation classes

LABOR CODE

1394	Employment of minors
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