

San Dieguito Union High School District
Information Services
Student Attendance is Everyone's Responsibility
Tips for Parents

Compulsory Education Law:

Requires students ages 6 – 18 years of age to attend school all day, therefore attendance is taken every period. Students may be excused from attendance for the following reasons. .

Legally Excused Absences (E.C. 48205)

1. Personal illness or injury.
2. Quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
3. Medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
4. Attendance at funeral services for a member of the immediate family.
5. Jury duty or court ordered appearance.
6. Exclusion for failure to present evidence of immunization.
7. Observation of a holiday or ceremony of his/her religion.
8. Service as a member of a precinct board for an election (Election Code 12302)
9. Appearance at SARB or SART hearing.

Upon written request of the Parent/Guardian, prior approval of the principal or designee, and pursuant to Board Policy, a student's absence may be excused for additional justifiable personal reasons.

Attendance is Everyone's Responsibility. Here's how:
Parents and Students

- Arrive to school and class on time.
- Notify attendance office of student's absence in a timely manner.
 - ✓ **Please note:** It is important that parents or guardians explain the reason for every student absence. However, if the reason for the absence does not meet the State Education Code guidelines the absence will be verified but we are not able to consider it excused. Examples of these reasons include family vacations, out of town visitors, missed bus/carpool, etc.
- Plan family vacations during non-school days.
- Try to schedule doctor appointments for your child after school hours.
- Allow your child to stay home only when he/she has a contagious illness or is too sick to be comfortable at school.
- Help prevent child illnesses from spreading at our school by getting your child vaccinated against flu and chicken pox.
 - ✓ When your child has a doctor's appointment in the middle of the school day, bring him/her to school before the appointment. Good attendance benefits your child's education. Every day a student misses school, he/she gets more than two days behind his/her peers, because he/she must make up missed learning and catch up with new learning at the same time.
 - ✓ Good attendance raises your child's chance to score well on tests.
 - ✓ Your child learns more about responsibility each day he/she attends school.

School Staff

- Take attendance every period.
- Notify parents of student absences.
- Follow-up on uncleared absences.
- Work with parents of students with "poor" attendance.
- Put together a team of appropriate staff members to assist student to improve attendance.