

**STUDENT LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of regular school attendance in promoting student achievement. However, the Board also recognizes that, in rare circumstances, it may be beneficial for a student to participate in opportunities outside the school which contribute to his/her educational experience.

The Superintendent or designee may grant a student a leave of absence for the purpose of supervised travel, study, training, or work not available to the student under another educational option. A leave of absence may be granted to a student 15 years of age or older in the regular program and to a student age 16 or older in the continuation education program. (Education Code 48232, 48416)

A written agreement shall be made and signed by the student, the parent/guardian, the principal or designee of the school the student would otherwise attend, a classroom teacher familiar with the student's academic progress and chosen by the student, and the District supervisor of child welfare and attendance

The student shall be permitted to return to school at any time and shall not be prevented from completing his/her academic requirements within a time period equal to that of classmates who did not take leave, plus the length of time spent on leave. If the student re-enrolls at a time other than the beginning of a semester, the school shall not be required to provide make-up sessions for classes missed.

The leave may be extended for an additional semester if approved by all parties to the agreement and the local school attendance review board.

No leave of absence may extend beyond the end of the school year in which the leave is taken.

If the student does not contact the designed school official as required by the agreement, the leave shall be nullified. Any party to the agreement may nullify the agreement for cause at any time.

San Dieguito Union High School District students, who leave school on an approved leave of absence, may return to their boundary high school upon their return.

Students who leave Canyon Crest Academy or San Dieguito Academy, on an approved leave of absence, must re-apply as part of the high school selection process.

When feasible, students shall be encouraged to instead enroll in the district's independent study program to allow for greater contact and coordination with district staff.

No more than one percent of the students enrolled and attending a school shall be granted a leave of absence during any school year. (Education Code 48232, 48416)

**LEGAL REFERENCES****EDUCATION CODE**

48232	Leave of absence for students age 15 at time of commencement of leave
48410	Exemption from continuation education

48416 Leave of absence for students age 16 to 18 inclusive

## FAMILY CODE

7000-7002 Emancipation of minors law

7050 Purposes for which emancipated minor considered an adult