

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

The Board of Trustees believes that regular attendance plays a key role in student achievement. The Board recognizes its responsibility under the law to ensure that students attend school regularly. Parents/guardians of children aged 6 to 18 are obligated to send their children to school unless otherwise provided by law. The Board shall abide by all state attendance laws and may use appropriate legal means to correct the problems of excessive absence or truancy.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Absence from school shall be excused only for health reasons, family emergencies and justifiable personal reasons, as permitted by law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

Insofar 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.

At the beginning of each academic year, notifications shall be sent to the parents/guardians of all students and to all students in grades 7 through 12, informing them that school authorities may excuse any student from school to obtain confidential medical services without the consent of the student's parent/guardian.

Students should not be absent from school without their parent/guardian's 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 administrative regulations and law.

LEGAL REFERENCES

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
45140 - 46147	Attendance in Junior High and High Schools
48200 - 48208	Children Between Ages of 6 and 18 Years (compulsory full-time attendance)
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 Absence as Cause of Failing Grade

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

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

66 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 245, 249 (1983)

COURT DECISIONS

American Academy of Pediatrics et al v. Lungren et al (1994) 26 Cal.App.4th 479

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES**CDE MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES**

0114.98 School Attendance and CalWORKS, Management Bulletin 98-01

CSBA ADVISORIES

0520.97 Welfare Reform and Requirements for School Attendance

WEBSITES

CSBA: www.csba.org