

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

The Governing Board believes that regular attendance plays an important role in student achievement. The Board shall work with parents/guardians and students to ensure their compliance with all state attendance laws and may use appropriate legal means to correct problems of chronic absence or truancy.

Absence from school shall be excused only for health reasons, family emergencies, and justifiable personal reasons, as permitted by law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48205)

Student absence for religious instruction or participation in religious exercises away from school property may be considered excused subject to law and administrative regulation. (Education Code 46014)

Inasmuch as school attendance and class participation are integral to students' learning experiences, parents/guardians and students shall be encouraged to schedule medical and other appointments during non-school hours.

Students shall not be absent from school without their parent's/guardian's knowledge or consent. The Board believes that parents/guardians should be involved in all decisions surrounding the medical treatment of their children who are under the age of 18. Therefore, while the Education Code allows school authorities to excuse students Grades 7 to 12 inclusive for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the student's parent/guardian, it is the policy of the district that school authorities will not do so.

The Board shall, by resolution entered into its minutes, approve reasonable methods that may be used to verify student absences due to illness or quarantine. (5 CCR 421)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
5 CCR 306	Explanation of absence
5 CCR 420-421	Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes
Ed. Code 1740	Employment of personnel to supervise attendance
Ed. Code 37201	School month
Ed. Code 37223	Weekend classes
Ed. Code 41601	Reports of average daily attendance
Ed. Code 42238-42250.1	Apportionments
Ed. Code 46000	Attendance records
Ed. Code 46010-46015	Absences
Ed. Code 46110-46120	Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools
Ed. Code 46140-46148	Attendance in junior high and high schools

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	Description
Ed. Code 48200-48208	Children ages 6-18; compulsory full-time attendance
Ed. Code 48210-48216	Exclusions from attendance
Ed. Code 48225.5	Work permit; excused absence; entertainment or allied industries; participation in not-for-profit performing arts organization
Ed. Code 48240-48246	Supervisors of attendance
Ed. Code 48260-48273	Truants
Ed. Code 48292	Filing complaint against parent
Ed. Code 48320-48324	School attendance review boards
Ed. Code 48340-48341	Improvement of student attendance
Ed. Code 48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
Ed. Code 49067	Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade
Ed. Code 49701	Provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children
Elec. Code 12302	Student participation on precinct boards
Fam. Code 6920-6930	Consent by minor for medical treatment
W&I Code 11253.5	Compulsory school attendance
W&I Code 601-601.5	Habitually truant minors

Management Resources

	Description
Attorney General Opinion	66 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 244 (1983)
Attorney General Opinion	87 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 168 (2004)
Court Decision	American Academy of Pediatrics et al v. Lungren et al (1997) 16 Cal.4th 307
CSBA Publication	Improving Student Achievement by Addressing Chronic Absence, Policy Brief, December 2010
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	CSBA

Cross References**Code**

	Description
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
0470	COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
3516	Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan
Code (continued)	Description
4119.41/4219.41/4319.41	Employees With Infectious Disease
5000	Concepts And Roles
5020	Parent Rights And Responsibilities
5112.1	Exemptions From Attendance
5112.2	Exclusions From Attendance
5112.5	Open/Closed Campus
5113.1	Chronic Absence And Truancy
5113.11	Attendance Supervision
5113.12	District School Attendance Review Board
5121	Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement
5131	Conduct
5131.4	Student Disturbances
5141.21	Administering Medication And Monitoring Health Conditions
5141.22	Infectious Diseases
5141.33	Head Lice

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Cross References(continued)

5144.1	Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process
5145.6	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5145.6-E(1)	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5146	Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students
5147	Dropout Prevention
6020	Parent Involvement
6111	School Calendar
6112	School Day
6141.2	Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs
6145	Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities
6154	Homework/Makeup Work
6158	Independent Study
6164.2	Guidance/Counseling Services
6173.2	Education Of Children Of Military Families
6176	Weekend/Saturday Classes
6177	Summer Learning Programs
6183	Home And Hospital Instruction
6184	Continuation Education
6185	Community Day School

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