

**STUDENTS**

**ABSENCES AND EXCUSES**

The Governing Board believes that regular attendance plays an important 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 administration regulations. (Education Code 46010, 48216, 48205)

Inasmuch as class participation is an integral part of students learning experiences, parents/guardians and students shall be encouraged to schedule medical appointments during nonschool 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. (Education Code 46010.1)

Students shall not be absent from school without their parents/guardians' 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 law and administrative regulations. (Education Code 46014)

When students who have been absent return to school, they shall present a satisfactory explanation verifying the reason for the absence from their parent/guardian.

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*Legal Reference:*

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*

*46110-46119 Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools*

*46140-46147 Attendance in junior high and high schools*

*48200-48208 Children ages 6-18 (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 absences as cause of failing grade*

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