

**ABSENCES AND EXCUSES**

The Governing Board ~~of Trustees~~ 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.~~

*(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)*

*(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)*

*(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)*

**Excused Absences**

*(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)*

*(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)*

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~~regulation. (Education Code 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 school year, the Superintendent or designee shall send a notification to the parents/guardians of all students, and to all students in grades 7-12, 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)~~

~~(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)~~

~~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~~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 parents/guardians' knowledge or consent**Effect of Absence on Grades/Credits**

~~If a student's absence is excused under Education Code 48205, he/she shall be allowed to complete any missed assignment or test that can be reasonably given, as determined by the teacher of that class. The student shall be given full credit for the assignment or test if he/she satisfactorily completes the assignment or test within a reasonable period of time. (Education Code 48205)~~  
, except in cases of medical emergency or, as authorized pursuant to Education Code 46010.1, for a confidential medical appointment.

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)

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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~~A student's grades may be affected by excessive unexcused absences in accordance with Board policy.~~

~~(cf. 5121 Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)~~  
~~(cf. 6154 Homework/Makeup Work)~~

*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

46100-46119 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  
48980 Parental notifications  
49067 Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade  
49701 Provisions of the interstate compact on educational opportunities for military children  
ELECTIONS CODE  
12302 Student participation on precinct boards  
FAMILY CODE  
6920-6929 Consent by minor for medical treatment  
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  
87 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 168 (2004)  
66 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 244 (1983)  
COURT DECISIONS  
American Academy of Pediatrics et al v. Lungren et al (1997) 16 Cal.4th 307

*Management Resources: (see next page)*

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## ~~ABSENCES AND EXCUSES (continued)~~

*Management Resources:*

### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Improving Student Achievement by Addressing Chronic Absence, Policy Brief, December 2010

### WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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