

Policy 5113: Absences And Excuses

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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

In accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation, 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) **as specified in Education Code 48205, and work in the entertainment or allied industry as permitted pursuant to Education Code 48225.5.**

When a student's absence from school is excused, the student's teacher shall determine identical or reasonably equivalent assignments and tests to those missed during the absence which the student shall be permitted to complete for full credit within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the teacher. (Education Code 48205, 48225.5)

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 parents/guardians' knowledge or consent, 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)

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 References

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5 CCR 306	Explanation of absence
5 CCR 420-424	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
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

State References

Ed. Code 48260-48273
 Ed. Code 48292
 Ed. Code 48320-48324
 Ed. Code 48340-48341
 Ed. Code 48980
 Ed. Code 49067
 Ed. Code 49701
 Elec. Code 12302
 Fam. Code 6920-6930
 W&I Code 11253.5
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Management Resources References

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66 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 244 (1983)
 87 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 168 (2004)
 American Academy of Pediatrics et al v. Lungren et al (1997) 16 Cal.4th 307
[Seize the Data: Using Chronic Absence Data to Drive Student Engagement, March 2024](#)
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