

Policy 5113: Absences And Excuses

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The Board of Education 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.

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. (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)

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)

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)

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

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 Governing 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 420-424	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	<u>Absences</u>
Ed. Code 46110-46120	<u>Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools</u>
Ed. Code 46140-46148	<u>Attendance in junior high and high schools</u>
Ed. Code 48200-48208	<u>Children ages 6-18; compulsory full-time attendance</u>
Ed. Code 48210-48216	<u>Exclusions from attendance</u>
Ed. Code 48225.5	<u>Work permit; excused absence; entertainment or allied industries; participation in not-for-profit performing arts organization</u>
Ed. Code 48240-48246	<u>Supervisors of attendance</u>
Ed. Code 48260-48273	<u>Truants</u>
Ed. Code 48292	<u>Filing complaint against parent</u>
Ed. Code 48320-48324	<u>School attendance review boards</u>
Ed. Code 48340-48341	<u>Improvement of student attendance</u>
Ed. Code 48980	<u>Parent/Guardian notifications</u>
Ed. Code 49067	<u>Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade</u>
Ed. Code 49701	<u>Provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children</u>
Elec. Code 12302	<u>Student participation on precinct boards</u>

Fam. Code 6920-6930	Consent by minor for medical treatment
W&I Code 11253.5	Compulsory school attendance; eligibility for aid
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	Seize the Data: Using Chronic Absence Data to Drive Student Engagement, March 2024
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	CSBA

Cross References

Code	Description
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
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3516	Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan

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4119.41	<u>Employees With Infectious Disease</u>
4219.41	<u>Employees With Infectious Disease</u>
4319.41	<u>Employees With Infectious Disease</u>
5000	<u>Concepts And Roles</u>
5020	<u>Parent Rights And Responsibilities</u>
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5112.1	<u>Exemptions From Attendance</u>
5112.1	<u>Exemptions From Attendance</u>
5112.2	<u>Exclusions From Attendance</u>
5112.5	<u>Open/Closed Campus</u>
5113.1	<u>Chronic Absence And Truancy</u>
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5113.11	<u>Attendance Supervision</u>
5121	<u>Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement</u>
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5131	Conduct
5131-E PDF(1)	Conduct - Elementary Plan
5131.4	Student Disturbances
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5141.21	Administering Medication And Monitoring Health Conditions
5141.21	Administering Medication And Monitoring Health Conditions
5141.22	Infectious Diseases
5141.22	Infectious Diseases
5141.33	Head Lice
5144.1	Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process
5144.1	Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process
5145.6	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5145.6-E PDF(1)	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5145.6-E PDF(2)	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5146	Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students

5147	<u>Dropout Prevention</u>
6020	<u>Parent Involvement</u>
6020	<u>Parent Involvement</u>
6020-E PDF(1)	<u>Parent Involvement</u>
6111	<u>School Calendar</u>
6112	<u>School Day</u>
6112	<u>School Day</u>
6141.2	<u>Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs</u>
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6145	<u>Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities</u>
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6158	<u>Independent Study</u>
6158	<u>Independent Study</u>
6164.2	<u>Guidance/Counseling Services</u>
6173.2	<u>Education Of Children Of Military Families</u>
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6176	<u>Weekend/Saturday Classes</u>
6177	<u>Summer Learning Programs</u>
6183	<u>Home And Hospital Instruction</u>
6183	<u>Home And Hospital Instruction</u>
6184	<u>Continuation Education</u>
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