

## Board Policy 5113.2 (a)

### Students

#### EXCUSED ABSENCES

The Board of Education 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.

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.

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 parents/guardians of all District students 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. (Ed 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's absence for religious instruction or participation in religious exercises away from school property may be considered excused subject to law and administrative regulations.

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

#### *Legal Reference*

##### **EDUCATION CODE**

1740 *Employment of personnel to supervise attendance*

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*

46010-46014 *Absences*

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

48200-48208 *Children ages 6-18 compulsory attendance*

48210-48216 *Exclusions from attendance*

48240-48246 *Supervisors of attendance*

48260-48273 *Truants*

48292 *Filing complaints against parents*

48320-48324 *School attendance review boards*

48340-48341 *Improvement of school attendance*

49067 *Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade*

**Board Policy 5113.2 (b)**

**FAMILY CODE**

6920-6929 *Consent by minor*

**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**

306 *Explanation of absence*

420-421 *Record of verification of absences due to illness and other causes*

**ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS**

66 *Opps. Cal. Atty. Gen. 245, 249 (1983)*

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