

# *Wm. S. Hart UHS District*

## *Board Policy*

Students

BP 5113(a)

### ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

The Governing Board believes that regular attendance plays a key role in student achievement. The Board recognizes its responsibility under the law to ensure that students attend school regularly. *The Board shall work with* parents/guardians/caregivers of *and* students aged 6 to 18 are obligated to send their students 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.~~ *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 Chronic Absence and Truancy)

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

(cf. 6154 – Homework/Makeup Work)

#### ~~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 ~~46010, 46010.5, 48205~~)

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](#))

~~Insofar~~ *Inasmuch as school attendance* and class participation ~~is an~~ *are* integral part of our to students' learning experiences, parents/guardians/caregivers and students shall be encouraged to schedule medical *and other* appointments during non-school hours.

~~At the beginning of each academic year, notifications shall be sent to the parents/guardians/caregivers 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)~~

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

Students ~~should~~ *shall* not be absent from school without their parents/guardians'/caregivers' knowledge or consent except in cases of medical emergency or, *as authorized pursuant to Education Code 46010.1, for a* confidential medical appointment.

#### ~~Unexcused Absences/Truancy~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall implement positive steps to reduce truancy, such as communication with parents/guardians/caregivers and the use of student study teams.~~

~~(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)~~

~~(cf. 6164.5 - Student Study Teams)~~

***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. (5CCR421)***

~~The District participates in the county school attendance review board as allowed by law in order to meet the special needs of students with school attendance or school behavior problems.~~

~~Students who are habitual truants or habitually insubordinate or disorderly during attendance at school may be referred to the county probation department.~~

~~When the student's attendance problems cannot be resolved or the student and parent/guardian/caregiver have failed to respond to directives to correct the problem, a student who has been classified as truant may be referred to the District attorney or probation officer for truancy mediation.~~

~~When the student's attendance problems cannot be resolved or the student and parent/guardian/caregiver have failed to respond to directives to correct the problem, the school attendance review board or probation officer may ask the County Superintendent of Schools to request a juvenile court petition on behalf of the student.~~

~~For the purposes of the CalWORKS program, a student shall be determined to be "regularly attending school" until he/she has been referred by the school attendance review board to the county District Attorney.~~

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

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

*Legal Reference: (See next page)*

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1740 Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county )

~~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 ~~between ages of 6 and~~ 18 years (compulsory full-time attendance)

**48210-48216 Exclusions from attendance**

**48225.5 Work permit; excused absence; entertainment or allied industries**

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

ELECTIONS CODE

12302 Student participation on precinct boards

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, TITLE 5

306 Explanation of absence

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

~~66 87~~ Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. ~~245, 249 (1983)~~ **168 (2004)**

COURT DECISIONS

American Academy of Pediatrics et al v. Lungren et al(1997) 16 Cal.4th 307

Management Resources:

~~CDE MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES~~

~~0114.98 School Attendance and CalWORKS, Management Bulletin 90-01~~

CSBA ADVISORIES-PUBLICATIONS

~~Welfare Reform and Requirements for School Attendance~~

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

WEB SITES

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

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