

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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