

Wm. S. Hart UHS District

Board Policy

Absences and Excuses

Students

BP 5113(a)

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 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.

(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)

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)

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 approve reasonable methods that may be used to verify student absences due to illness or quarantine. (5CCR421)

Legal Reference: (See next page)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1740 *Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county)*

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 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

87 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen.168 (2004)

COURT DECISIONS

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

Management Resources:

Attendance

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

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

WEB SITES

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

Policy
Adopted:

William S. Hart Union High School District
Santa Clarita, California