

MIDDLETOWN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy 5113: Absences And Excuses

Adopted Date: 12/13/2023

The Governing Board 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.

Absence from school shall be excused only for health reasons, family emergencies, and justifiable personal reasons, as permitted by law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. (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, by resolution entered into its minutes, approve reasonable methods that may be used to verify student absences due to illness or quarantine. (5 CCR 421)

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 board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

5 CCR 306

5 CCR 420-421

Ed. Code 1740

Ed. Code 37201

Ed. Code 37223

Ed. Code 41601

Ed. Code 42238-42250.1

Ed. Code 46000

Ed. Code 46010-46015

Description

Explanation of absence

Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes

[Employment of personnel to supervise attendance](#)

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Ed. Code 46110-46120	Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools
Ed. Code 46140-46148	Attendance in junior high and high schools
Ed. Code 48200-48208	Children ages 6-18; compulsory full-time attendance
Ed. Code 48210-48216	Exclusions from attendance
Ed. Code 48225.5	Work permit; excused absence; entertainment or allied industries; participation in not-for-profit performing arts organization
Ed. Code 48240-48246	Supervisors of attendance
Ed. Code 48260-48273	Truants
Ed. Code 48292	Filing complaint against parent
Ed. Code 48320-48324	School attendance review boards
Ed. Code 48340-48341	Improvement of student attendance
Ed. Code 48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
Ed. Code 49067	Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade
Ed. Code 49701	Provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children
Elec. Code 12302	Student participation on precinct boards
Fam. Code 6920-6930	Consent by minor for medical treatment
W&I Code 11253.5	Compulsory school attendance
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	Improving Student Achievement by Addressing Chronic Absence, Policy Brief, December 2010
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	CSBA

Cross References

Code	Description
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
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0470	COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
3516	Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan

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4119.41	Employees With Infectious Disease
4219.41	Employees With Infectious Disease
4319.41	Employees With Infectious Disease
5000	Concepts And Roles
5020	Parent Rights And Responsibilities
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5112.1	Exemptions From Attendance
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5112.2	Exclusions From Attendance
5112.5	Open/Closed Campus
5113.1	Chronic Absence And Truancy
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5113.11	Attendance Supervision
5113.12	District School Attendance Review Board
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5121	Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement
5121	Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement
5131	Conduct
5131.4	Student Disturbances
5131.4	Student Disturbances
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(1)	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5146	Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students
5147	Dropout Prevention
6020	Parent Involvement

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6111	<u>School Calendar</u>
6112	<u>School Day</u>
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6141.2	<u>Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs</u>
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6154	<u>Homework/Makeup Work</u>
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>
6173.2	<u>Education Of Children Of Military Families</u>
6176	<u>Weekend/Saturday Classes</u>
6177	<u>Summer Learning Programs</u>
6183	<u>Home And Hospital Instruction</u>
6184	<u>Continuation Education</u>
6184	<u>Continuation Education</u>
6185	<u>Community Day School</u>
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