



# Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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## Students

### Absences and Excuses

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 regulations. (Education Code 48205)

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.

At the beginning of each academic year, notifications shall be sent to the parents/guardians of all students, and to all students in grades 9 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)

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.

Student absence for religious instruction or participation in religious exercises away from school property may be considered excused subject to the law and administrative regulations. (Education Code 46014)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1740 Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county superintendent)  
37201 School month  
37223 Weekend classes  
41601 Reports of average daily attendance  
42238-42250.1 Apportionments  
46000 Records (attendance)  
46010-46014 Absences  
46140-46147 Attendance in junior high and high schools  
48200-48208 Children ages 6-18 (compulsory full-time attendance)  
48210-48216 Exclusions from attendance  
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  
49701 Provisions of the interstate compact on educational opportunities for military children

FAMILY CODE

6920-6929 Consent by minor for medical treatment

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 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 245,249 (1983)

COURT DECISIONS

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

ELECTIONS CODE

12302 Student participation on precinct boards

VEHICLE CODE

13202.7 Driving privileges; minors; suspension or delay for habitual truancy

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

87 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 168 (2004)  
66 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 244 (1983)

COURT DECISIONS

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

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Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

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

WEB SITES

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

Policy

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