

State of California

EDUCATION CODE

Section 48260.5

48260.5. Upon a pupil's initial classification as a truant, the school district shall notify the pupil's parent or guardian using the most cost-effective method possible, which may include email or a telephone call:

- (a) That the pupil is truant.
- (b) That the parent or guardian is obligated to compel the attendance of the pupil at school.
- (c) That alternative educational programs are available in the school district.
- (d) That the parent or guardian has the right to meet with appropriate school personnel to discuss solutions to the pupil's truancy.
- (e) That mental health and supportive services may be available to the pupil and the family.
- (f) That school personnel are available to meet with the pupil and family to develop strategies to support the pupil's attendance at school.
- (g) That research shows that missing 10 percent of school for any reason can translate into pupils having difficulty learning to read by third grade, achieving in middle school, and graduating from high school.
- (h) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2025.

(Repealed (in Sec. 1) and added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 863, Sec. 2. (SB 691) Effective January 1, 2025. Operative July 1, 2025, by its own provisions.)