#### **EXCUSED ABSENCE**

Ed. Code 46011 C.C.R. Title 5, Sec. 420 Ed. Code 48205

#### **REASONS:**

- Illness
- Quarantine directed by a county or city health officer
- Medical/Dental/Optometric/
   Chiropractic Appointment for
   Student
- Funeral service or grievance of an immediate family member (no more than five days)
- Written verification desired. Verbal notification accepted.

After 10 days of excused absences, you will be required to provide verification from your son/daughter's physician to clear additional absences. Verification may include notes from doctors, dentists or other medical professionals (on letterhead), funeral notices or other supportive documentation.

## ABSENCE PERSONAL REASONS

Ed. Code 48205

#### **REASONS:**

- Justifiable Personal Reasons
- Including, but not limited to:
- Appearance in court for student
- Religious Holiday or Instruction
- Funeral: After the allowable number of days for an excused absence are used

The pupil's absence from school should be requested in writing and approved by the principal.

• Written verification required.

### **TRUANCY**

## Ed. Code 48260 DEFINED:

- Any student with three (3) unexcused absences in one school year
- Any student with three (3) unexcused tardies in excess of thirty (30) minutes in one school year
- *OR*... any combination thereof, is a truant.

#### TRUANT REPEAT Ed. Code 48261

- Any Student who has been reported truant and has 1 or more additional unexcused absence
- Any student who has been reported truant and has been tardy 1 or more days

## HABITUAL TRUANT Ed. Code 48262

- Any student who has been reported 3 or more times per school year
- School or district employees make conscientious effort to hold at least one conference with parent/guardian of student and student

# UNEXCUSED ABSENCES AND TARDIES

Missing class or school without an excused or approved reason

#### **REASONS:**

- Unverified absence/tardy
- Overslept
- Lost shoes, no clothes
- Shopping/errands
- Transportation problems (missed bus or car trouble)
- Baby-sitting
- Vacations

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance and punctuality are important because of their direct relationship to academic progress and developing responsibility in students. According to state law, <u>PARENTS</u> are <u>RESPONSIBLE</u> for <u>PUNCTUAL</u> and <u>REGULAR ATTENDANCE</u> of their <u>CHILDREN</u>.

When a student is absent for any reason, the parent should notify the school the morning of the absence, and send a parent-signed note (explaining the absence) on the day the student returns to school. Absence must be cleared within 5 days, or it will become unexcused.