

BOARD POLICY
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Students

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ATTENDANCE AND EXCUSES

The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District Board of Education believes that maximum educational progress can best be achieved when the student has regular attendance in school and is prompt in attending individual classes. 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. To encourage school attendance, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies that focus on prevention and early intervention of attendance problems.

In accordance with law, board policy, and administrative regulation, absence from school shall be excused only for health reasons, family emergencies, and justifiable personal reasons as specified in Education Code 48205, and work in the entertainment or allied industry as permitted pursuant to Education Code 48225.5. Student absences 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)

When a student's absence from school is excused, the student's teacher shall determine identical or reasonably equivalent assignments and tests to those missed during the absence. The student shall be permitted to complete for full credit within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the teacher. (Education Code 48205, 48225.5)

Since 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 Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District Board of Education shall develop and recommend verification methods that ensure compliance with state law and support accurate attendance accounting. These methods shall establish the fact of a student's illness or quarantine and may be completed by a school or public health nurse, attendance supervisor, physician, principal, teacher, or other qualified employee. Approved verification methods may include, but are not limited to, parent/guardian notes or phone calls, medical documentation, or other appropriate and reliable procedures. (5 CCR 421)

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