

## **BOARD POLICY**

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

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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. It is the legal responsibility of the parents to have their student(s) in regular attendance at the designated schools.

Excessive student absenteeism and tardiness, whether caused by excused or unexcused absences, may be an early warning sign of poor academic achievement and may put students at risk of dropping out of school. The Board desires to ensure that all students attend school in accordance with the state's compulsory education law and take full advantage of educational opportunities approved by the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a system to accurately track and monitor student attendance, including methods to identify students classified as chronic absentees and truants, as defined in law and administrative regulation. To encourage school attendance, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies that focus on prevention and early intervention of attendance problems.

The Superintendent or designee shall work with students and parent/guardians to identify factors contributing to chronic absenteeism and truancy. Based on this needs assessment, he/she shall collaborate with community agencies, including, but not limited to, child welfare services, law enforcement, courts, and /or public health care agencies, to ensure that alternative education programs and nutrition, health care, and other support services are available to intervene as necessary when students have serious attendance problems.

As required by law, habitually truant students shall be referred to a school attendance review board (SARB), a truancy mediation program operated by the county's district attorney or probation officer, and/or a juvenile court.

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