

Students

Student Leave of Absence

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of regular school attendance in promoting student achievement. However, the Board also recognizes that, in rare circumstances, it may be beneficial for a student to participate in opportunities outside the school which contribute to his/her educational experience.

The Superintendent or designee may grant student leaves of absence for the purpose of supervised travel, study, training, or work not available to the student under another educational option. Such leave may be granted to a student 15 years of age or older in the regular program and to a student age 16-18 in the continuation education program. (Education Code 48232, 48416)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

No more than one percent of the students enrolled and attending a school shall be granted a leave of absence during any school year. (Education Code 48232, 48416)

When feasible, students shall be encouraged to instead enroll in the district's independent study program to allow for greater contact and coordination with district staff.

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48232 Leave of absence for students age 15 at time of commencement of leave

48410 Exemption from continuation education

48416 Leave of absence for students age 16 to 18 inclusive

FAMILY CODE

7000-7002 Emancipation of minors law

7050 Purposes for which emancipated minor considered an adult

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In order to give students an opportunity to demonstrate responsibility and positive citizenship, the Governing Board establishes an open campus at all comprehensive district high schools in which students shall have the privilege of leaving campus during lunch.

The privilege of open campus may be revoked from individual students for disciplinary reasons.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Students shall not leave the school grounds at any other time during the school day without written permission of their parents/guardians and school authorities. Students who leave school or who fail to return following lunch without authorization shall be classified truant and subject to disciplinary action.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of the Board

35160.1 Broad authority of school district

44808.5 Permission for pupils to leave school grounds; notice

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