

**SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BP 5113.2(a)**

Students

Truancy

To improve student attendance, the Superintendent or designee shall implement positive steps to identify the reasons for a student's unexcused absences and to help resolve the problems caused by truancy. Such strategies shall focus on early intervention and may include, but not be limited to, communication with parents/guardians and the use of student study teams. (cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses) (cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention) (cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students) (cf. 6164.5 - Student Study Teams) (cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with other agencies within the community to meet the needs of students who have serious school attendance or behavior problems and to maintain a continuing inventory of community resources, including alternative programs. (cf. 1020 - Youth Services) (cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

Habitually truant students may be referred to a school attendance review board, a truancy mediation program operated by the county's district attorney or probation officer, and/or juvenile court in accordance with law.

For purposes of California's welfare system (CalWORKS), a student shall be determined to be regularly attending school unless he/she has been referred to the county district attorney or probation office pursuant to Education Code 48263.

(Legal Reference next page)

1740	Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county superintendent)
37223	Weekend classes
41601	Reports of average daily attendance
46000	Records (attendance)
46010-46014	Absences
46110-46119	Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools
46140-46147	Attendance in junior high and high schools
48200-48208	Children ages 6-18 (compulsory full-time attendance)
48240-48246	Supervisors of attendance
48260-48273	Truants
48290-48296	Failure to comply; complaints against parents
48320-48324	School attendance review boards
48340-48341	Improvement of student attendance
49067	Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade

13202.7	Driving privileges; minors; suspension or delay for habitual truancy
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601-601.4	Habitually truant minors
11253.5	Compulsory school attendance

306	Explanation of absence
420-421	Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes

66 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 245, 249 (1983)

0114.98	School Attendance and CalWORKS, Management Bulletin 98-01
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School Attendance Review Board Handbook, 1995

0520.97	Welfare Reform and Requirements for School Attendance
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