

TRUANCY

California Education Code (E.C.)

E.C. 48260 - TRUANCY DEFINITION

Any pupil subject to compulsory full-time education or to compulsory continuation education who is absent from school without a valid excuse three full days in one school year or tardy or absent for more than any 30 minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof, is a truant and shall be reported to the attendance supervisor.

E.C. 48260.5-PARENT NOTIFICATION

Notifying a parent of their child's truancy is required by law. Truancy Letters are automated and sent from the school on a weekly basis, based on school records.

E.C. 48261 - TRUANT REPEAT

Any pupil who has once been reported as a truant and who is again absent from school without valid excuse one or more days or tardy on one or more days, shall again be reported as a truant to the attendance supervisor.

E.C. 48262 - HABITUAL TRUANT

Any pupil is deemed an habitual truant who has been reported as a truant three or more times per school year, provided that no pupil shall be deemed an habitual truant unless an appropriate school employee has made a conscientious effort to hold at least one conference with a parent or guardian of the pupil and the pupil themselves, after the filling of either of the reports required by Section 48260 or Section 48261.

Excused Absences/Tardies are:

- Verified Illness
- Medical/Dental Appointments
- Religious Observances/Holidays
- Religious Retreats/college visits (with documentation)
- Trips/Education (pre-authorization required)
- Court Appearance (with documentation)
- Funerals (1 day local, 3 days out of state)

Unexcused Absences/Tardies are:

- Family Vacation/Trips/Wedding
- Emergencies/personal matters/DMV
- Assistance at Home or Work
- Babysitting Family Members
- Driving someone to Dr. Appointments
- Oversleeping or Traffic
- Senior Pictures or Studying for Exams
- Anything else not listed on the excused absence list.

Absences will **not** be excused in the following cases:

1. The student leaves the campus without checking out through the office.
2. The student arrives late to school and does not check in through the office with an excused absence.
3. The student stops attending class before the change of schedule procedure can be completed.
4. The student does not receive permission from a teacher to attend another on-campus activity or classroom.

REPORT AN ABSENCE -

ALL DAY ABSENCE:

Google Form →

Direct Line: (562) 266-2012

24 Hour Line: (562) 266-2047

Español 24-Hour Line: (562) 266-2088

ARRIVING LATE/LEAVING EARLY:

Direct Line: (562) 266-2012

SCAN BELOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- A GUIDE FOR PARENTS -



Go Raiders!

For additional resources, please visit our website at

<https://www.fjuhsd.org/domain/1232>

MINIMIZE LOSS OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

- Plan family vacations for non-school days only
- Schedule non-emergency medical and dental appointments after school hours on weekends or during your child's vacation
- If the appointment must be during school hours, please have your child attend school prior to the appointment and/or return to school after the appointment to complete the school day
- Communicate often with your child's teachers and request assignments missed during absences.

C.C.R. Title 5, Section 306 – A principal or teacher may require satisfactory explanation from the parent or guardian of a pupil, either in person or by written note, whenever the pupil is absent/tardy part or all of a school day.

District policy requires that all absences, tardies, and early leaves be cleared within 3 school days with a satisfactory explanation (in writing, or verbal justification).

An excused absence note may be accepted for up to four consecutive days when the absence is attributed to illness. For absences attributed to illness for five or more consecutive days, a doctor's note is required.

The excessive use of unverified parent notes may result in the school requesting additional documentation for all future absences.

Student Attendance = Student success

Support outstanding school attendance at home by:

- **Making sure your child gets enough sleep and a nutritious breakfast each day**
- **Helping your child develop a positive attitude toward school and learning and encouraging him/her to participate in school activities**
- **Explaining Compulsory Education - by law all students must attend school daily and on time**
- **Teaching the benefits of good attendance and consequences of poor attendance**
- **Creating back-up systems (alternative plans for getting to and from school)**
- **Creating morning and evening routines**
- **Posting school calendars, school attendance policy, and schedules in a visible place**
- **Gaining access to Aeries and monitoring your child(ren)'s up-to-the-minute progress online for grades and attendance. Reach out to Sonora is you need help getting access to Aeries.**
- **Making your school aware of any issues that may be affecting your child's attendance**
- **Making sure your child's school has your accurate daytime contact information, including cell phone number and/or e-mail address**
- **Notifying school staff if your child suffers from a chronic health condition and how this condition is impacting school attendance**

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS THE LAW

STATE OF CALIFORNIA **Compulsory Full-time Education** **Education Code 48200**

Each person between the ages of 6 and 18 years not exempted under provision of this chapter is subject to compulsory full-time education. Each parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of such pupil shall send the pupil to the public full-time day school or continuation school or classes for the fulltime designated as the length of the school day.

CITY OF LA HABRA **LA HABRA CODE OF ORDINANCE** **9.30.030**

It is unlawful for any minor to remain on private property or in any public place or on the premises of any establishment, other than the school the minor is attending, within the city during curfew hours.

It is unlawful for any parent or guardian of a minor to knowingly permit, or by insufficient control to allow, the minor to remain on private property or in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the city during curfew hours within the city during the hours of eight a.m. and two-thirty p.m. on days when school is in session with certain exceptions.

For more information about California School Attendance Laws visit the California Department of Education website:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/tr/>