

Students – Attendance

Attendance Supervision

The Superintendent or designee shall appoint an attendance supervisor and any assistant attendance supervisor(s) as may be necessary to supervise the attendance of District students. (Education Code 48240, 48242)

Any person appointed as an attendance supervisor shall be appropriately certificated to perform the work. (Education Code 48241, 48245)

Such supervisors shall perform duties related to compulsory full-time education, truancy, compulsory continuation education, work permits, and any additional duties prescribed by the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48240)

The attendance supervisor shall promote a culture of attendance and establish a system to accurately track student attendance in order to achieve all of the following:

1. Raise the awareness of school personnel, parents/guardians, caregivers, community partners, and local businesses of the effects of chronic absenteeism and truancy and other challenges associated with poor attendance.
2. Identify and respond to grade level or student subgroup patterns of chronic absenteeism or truancy.
3. Identify and address factors contributing to chronic absenteeism and habitual truancy, including suspension and expulsion.
4. Ensure that students with attendance problems are identified as early as possible to provide applicable support services and interventions.
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of strategies implemented to reduce chronic absenteeism rates and truancy rates.

The attendance supervisor may provide support services and interventions, including, but not limited to, the following: (Education Code 48240)

1. A conference between school personnel, the student's parent/guardian, and the student.
2. Promotion of cocurricular and extracurricular activities that increase student connectedness to school, such as tutoring, mentoring, the arts, service learning, or athletics.

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3. Recognition of students who achieve excellent attendance or demonstrate significant improvement in attendance.
4. Referral of the student to a school nurse, school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, and other student support personnel for case management and counseling.
5. Collaboration with child welfare services, law enforcement, courts, public health care agencies, government agencies, or medical, mental health, and oral health care providers to receive necessary services.
6. Collaboration with school study teams, guidance teams, school attendance review teams, or other intervention-related teams to assess the attendance or behavior problem in partnership with the student and his/her parents/guardians or caregivers.
7. In schools with significantly higher rates of chronic absenteeism, identification of barriers to attendance that may require schoolwide strategies rather than case management.
8. Referral of the student for a comprehensive psychosocial or psychoeducational assessment, including for purposes of creating an individualized education program for a student with disabilities or creating a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
9. Referral of the student to a school attendance review board established pursuant to Education Code 48321 or to the probation department pursuant to Education Code 48263.
10. Referral of the student to a truancy mediation program operated by the county's district attorney or probation officer pursuant to Education Code 48260.6.

Upon receiving any complaint that a parent/guardian or other person having control or charge of a student has violated Education Code 48200-48341, the state compulsory education laws, the attendance supervisor shall investigate the matter and, if a violation is found, shall recommend referral to a SARB. If the District is subsequently notified by the SARB that the parent/guardian continually and willfully has failed to respond to directives of the SARB or the services provided, the attendance supervisor shall refer the matter for possible prosecution in court in accordance with Education Code 48291-48292, as applicable. (Education Code 48290-48292)

The attendance supervisor shall gather and transmit to the County Superintendent of Schools the number and types of referrals made to the SARB and of requests for petitions made to the juvenile court. (Education Code 48273)

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The attendance supervisor shall annually report student attendance data to the Superintendent or designee and the Board of Education. Such data shall include, by school, grade level, and each numerically significant student subgroup as defined in Education Code 52052, rates of school attendance, chronic absence in which students are absent on 10 percent of more of the school days in the school year, and dropout.

Legal Reference: Education Code, Sections 1740; 37223; 46000; 46010-46014; 46110-46119; 46140-46147; 48200-48208; 48240-48246; 48260-48273; 48290-48297; 48320-48325; 48340-48341; 48400-48403; 52052; 52060-52077; 60901  
Penal Code, Section 270.1  
Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 601-601.4; 11253.5  
Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 306, 420-421

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