



# Adopt Revision of Board Policy 5113 Absences and Excuses

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## Absences and Excuses

- Education Code 48205 establishes the conditions under which students may be lawfully absent from school, including personal illness or injury.
- The 2008 federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) put care and treatment of mental health and substance use disorders on equal footing – or “parity” – with physical health care.

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## Absences and Excuses

- In order to recognize the impact of mental health issues and help reduce stigmatizing attitudes of prejudice and exclusion the definition of “health reasons” in the context of excused absences has been expanded to include physical and mental health.
- No prior updates to BP 5113 have occurred since its adoption in 2002.

Q & A