

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Agenda Item# 11.1

Meeting Date : May 20, 2021

Subject : Public Hearing: Adopt Revision of Board Policy 5113, Absences and Excuses

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division : Legal Services

Recommendation : Approve revision to Board Policy 5113.

Background/Rationale : Education Code 48205 establishes the conditions under which students may be lawfully absent from school, including personal illness or injury. District students face mental health challenges throughout their education. In order to recognize the mental health issues of students and help reduce stigmatizing attitudes of prejudice and exclusion, revisions to the policies concerning absences and excuses are necessary and specifically, the definition of "health reasons" in the context of excused absences. No prior updates to BP 5113 have occurred since its adoption in 2002.

Sacramento City USD
Board Policy
BP 5113
Students

Absences And Excuses

The Governing Board believes that regular attendance plays an important role in student achievement. The Board ~~recognizes its responsibility under the law to ensure that students attend school regularly. Parents shall work with parents/guardians of children aged 6 to 18 are obligated to send and students to ensure their children to school unless otherwise provided by law. The Board shall abide by compliance with~~ all state attendance laws and may use appropriate legal means to correct ~~the~~ problems of ~~excessive~~chronic absence or truancy.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance) (cf. 5112.1 Exncbsions)

| ~~adopted: April 15, 2002 — Sacramento, California (11/99 11/11) 3/17~~

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(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5113.1 -

Students shall not be absent from school without their parents'/guardians' knowledge or consent, except in cases of medical emergency or, as authorized pursuant to Education Code 46010.1, for a confidential medical appointment.

The Board shall, by resolution entered into its minutes, approve reasonable methods that may be used to verify student absences due to illness or quarantine. (5 CCR 421)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1740 Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county superintendent)

37201 School month

37223 Weekend classes

41601 Reports of average daily attendance

42238-42250.1 Apportionments

46000 Records (attendance)

46010-46014 Absences

46100-46119 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)

48210-48216 Exclusions fro

COURT DECISIONS

American Academy of Pediatrics et al v. Lungren et al (1997) 16 Cal.4th 307

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Improving Student Achievement by Addressing Chronic Absence, Policy Brief, December 2010

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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