

## **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Education Code Requires:**

All minors six to sixteen years of age must attend compulsory full-time school on a daily basis, for the full length of the school day.

It is important that your student be in class, on time and ready to learn, every day. You, the parent, make this possible by making sure your student gets up in plenty of time to get dressed, have breakfast (at home or at school), and get to school in a timely manner.

### **EXCUSED**

A student is **EXCUSED** for: illness, quarantine by a Health Officer, Doctor/Dental appointment, or attending a funeral of an immediate family member (parent, grandparent, sibling, or family member residing in their home). These are the only absences or tardies that will be **EXCUSED**.

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#### What's the difference?

# UNEXCUSED

A student is **UNEXCUSED** for: all absences or tardies that <u>do</u> <u>not</u> fall under the **EXCUSED** category. This means that even if a parent/guardian calls the school or sends a note these absences or tardies will still be **UNEXCUSED**, but they will be cleared in our system. Please note that this includes family trips, Disneyland, Grand Canyon, no matter how educational they may be.

### **TRUANCY**

Any student who has three or more **UNEXCUSED** absences and/or three or more **UNEXCUSED** tardies over 30 minutes each in any school year will be declared a **TRUANT** and will be reported to the District and may be referred to the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB).

**TAKING A TRIP?** If you will be gone for five days or longer, please plan ahead! Contact your student's teacher at least two weeks ahead of your trip, and request an **INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACT.** Your teacher will provide work. Your student must complete the work and return it to their teacher on the day he or she returns to school. Only then will your student be counted as if they were in class for that time. If the work is not completed, those days will be **UNEXCUSED**.