

STUDENTS

Absences and Excuses

The Superintendent believes that regular attendance plays an important role in student achievement. The Superintendent shall work with parents/guardians and students to ensure their compliance with all state attendance laws and may use appropriate legal means to correct problems of chronic absence or truancy.

Absence from school shall be excused only for health reasons, family emergencies, and justifiable personal reasons, as permitted by law, EDCOE policy, and administrative regulation.

Student absence for religious instruction or participation in religious exercises away from school property may be considered excused subject to law and administrative regulation.

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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 Superintendent shall approve reasonable methods that may be used to verify student absences due to illness or quarantine.

Unexcused Absences/Truancy

The El Dorado County Office of Education is committed to keeping students in school. The Superintendent or designee shall implement appropriate steps to achieve this end, including the use of attendance review boards and/or student study teams.

The El Dorado County Office of Education has established a School Attendance Review Board as allowed by law in order to meet the special needs of students with school attendance or school behavior problems.

When the student's attendance problems cannot be resolved or the student and parent/guardian have failed to respond to the County Office of Education directives to correct the problem, a student who has been classified as truant may be referred to the district attorney or probation officer for truancy mediation.

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