

What are "Excused Absences?"



An "excused absence" is when your student is allowed to miss school for specific reasons. Here are the reasons that are considered excused:

- **Illness, Mental/Behavioral Health:** Student feels unwell or needs time for mental or behavioral health care (up to ten per year **without medical verification**)
- **Medical Services:** Student was seen by a doctor, dentist, eye doctor, etc. **with medical verification provided**
- **Funeral Services:** This can be **up to one day if service is in California** and **up to three days if outside the state**
- **Jury Duty:** Student called to serve on jury duty
- **Caring for a Sick Child:** Student is needed to care for **their own** sick child or attend their medical appointments
- **Justifiable Personal Reasons:** Reasons such as court appearances, religious holidays or ceremonies, religious retreats, employment or educational conferences, etc. **(This needs to be requested in advanced in writing by the parent and approved by school administration)**
- **Election Duties:** If your child is serving on a precinct board for an election
- **Family Military Service:** Student wants to spend time with an immediate family member on active military duty
- **Naturalization Ceremony:** Student is attending their own ceremony to become a U.S. citizen
- **Civic or Political Events:** Middle and high school students are allowed to miss **one day per year** for civic or political events like voting, public commenting, candidate speeches, etc.



Even if an absence is excused, they still miss out on important learning time!

Students can make-up any work due while they were absent. Please contact the office or your teacher to prepare your student's missed work.

Additional Information:

- Time spent at religious retreats should not exceed four hours per semester.
- Excused absences do not count towards the school's attendance average and will not generate state payments.
- For the purposes of this code, "immediate family" includes parents or guardians, siblings, grandparents, or any other relatives living with the child. "Cultural" refers to the habits, practices, beliefs, and traditions of a certain group of people.



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