

# What are "Excused Absences?"

ED. CODE 48205



An "excused absence" is when your student is allowed to miss school for specific reasons.

Here are the reasons that are considered excused:

- **Illness and Mental Health:** Student feels unwell or needs time for mental or health care (up to ten days per year **without medical verification**)
- **Medical Services:** Student was seen by a doctor, dentist, eye doctor, etc. **with medical verification provided**
- **Funeral/Bereavement:** Students may have **up to five days excused** for a funeral or to grieve the loss of a family member
- **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 should 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 MISSED WORK FOR VERIFIED ABSENCES. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OR YOUR TEACHER TO PREPARE YOUR STUDENT'S MISSED WORK.**



Contact the Attendance & Engagement department for questions and concerns



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