

Attendance Information

Attendance Daily school attendance is critical for a student's success. By law, parents are obligated to send their child to school daily. Parents are strongly encouraged to schedule medical appointments during non-school hours. A student's absence from school shall be excused for the following reasons: personal illness, quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer, medical appointments, attendance at a funeral service for a member of the immediate family or court appearances. Please note that, even though an absence is considered to be excused, for purposes of funding, any absence reduces funding to the school and district. Upon advanced written request by the parent/guardian and the approval of the principal or designee, justifiable personal reasons for absences include but are not limited to: observation of a holiday or ceremony of his/her religion, attendance at religious retreats not to exceed four hours per semester, participation in religious instruction or exercises in accordance with district policy. All other absences are considered unexcused. Whenever possible, a student who is absent for a reason other than illness should attend at least the minimum school day. When a student who has been absent returns to school, the parent needs to provide a written note or contact the school office to verify the reason for the absence. School absences are monitored carefully throughout the year. If a student has more than fourteen absences in a school year for illness, a physician may be asked to verify further absences for illness. Excessive excused absences and/or tardies may also require notification to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB). 6 Buckeye Union School District Parent/Student Handbook Elementary School A student absent from school without a valid excuse or tardy in excess of thirty minutes (30) or more on three (3) or more days in one (1) school year is considered truant. Parents will receive written notification in the event their child is truant. Students who continue to have unexcused absences or tardies of thirty minutes (30) or more may also require notification to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB). This is a requirement of the California Education Code 48200. {Reference: Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113.1} Each class period is carefully structured by the teacher. When a student is late, not only is important instruction missed, but also class is disrupted. Students are required to arrive in class on time. All students arriving late must check into the office before going to class. Students who walk, receive rides or ride their bikes to school should arrive no earlier than 8:45 a.m. If a student needs to arrive earlier, please make arrangements with the Extended Day Program as there is no supervision on campus before 8:45 a.m. Students should be picked up no later than 3:30 p.m.

