

School Attendance Laws

All persons between 6 and 18 years of age are required by California law to attend school. Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child's attendance. (ED. Code 48200).

A pupil is considered a truant if he/she is absent without a valid excuse three full days in one school year, tardy or absent more than a 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year; or any combination thereof. (ED Code 48260)

A student's refusal to attend school regularly can result in a referral to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB), Juvenile Probation or the Juvenile Court System. (ED Code 48263)

Parents who fail to compel their child's attendance may face criminal prosecution and penalties. (ED Code 48291)

