

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ABSENCE AND TRUANCY

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- 6220.1 Legal excuses for not attending school shall be limited to: illness of pupil, quarantine, impassable roads, and “exceptionally urgent reasons” that affect the child. All other reasons for not attending school until graduation from high school or the age of 17 shall be considered as unexcused and unlawful except as noted in the policy titled Exceptions to Compulsory Attendance.
- 6220.2 An accrued total of more than three days of unlawful absences, by a student in a school year, shall subject the parents to fine or imprisonment under provisions of the School Code.
- 6220.3 All children returning to school after an absence must bring a written excuse, signed by the parent, guardian, or physician stating the reason for the absence. Parents of students who are going to be absent more than 2 days must contact the principal’s office. The principal may request a note signed by a (licensed practitioner of the healing arts – Public School Code Sec. 1329) beyond the 3rd day. All students must have a doctor’s note beyond the 4th day.
- 6220.4 A child who arrives at his classroom after the scheduled starting time for the morning or afternoon session will be considered tardy and a note of explanation shall be required from the parent.
- 6220.5 Students who have reached their seventeenth birthday are expected to attend school regularly once enrolled in classes. Students in this category will be excluded from classes if they miss more than ten sessions unless excused for legitimate reasons.