

**San Dieguito Union High School District**  
**Information Services**  
***Student Attendance is Everyone's Responsibility***  
***Tips for Parents***

**Compulsory Education Law:**

Requires students ages 6 – 18 years of age to attend school all day, therefore attendance is taken every period. In order for the district to receive funding, a student must attend at least one period.

- Legally Excused Absences (E.C. 48205)
  1. Personal illness or injury.
  2. Quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
  3. Medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
  4. Attendance at funeral services for a member of the immediate family.
  5. Jury duty or court ordered appearance.
  6. Exclusion for failure to present evidence of immunization.
  7. Observation of a holiday or ceremony of his/her religion.
  8. Appearance at SARB or SART hearing.

**Attendance is Everyone's Responsibility. Here's how:**  
**Parents and Students**

- Arrive to school and class on time.
- Notify attendance office of student's absence in a timely manner.
- Plan family vacations during non-school days.
- Try to schedule doctor appointments for your child after school hours.
- Allow your child to stay home only when he/she has a contagious illness or is too sick to be comfortable at school.
- Help prevent child illnesses from spreading at our school by getting your child vaccinated against flu and chicken pox.
- When your child has a doctor's appointment in the middle of the school day, bring him/her to school before the appointment. The district receives full funding if a student attends for part of the day.
  - ✓ Good attendance benefits your child's education. Every day a student misses school, he/she gets more than two days behind his/her peers, because he/she must make up missed learning and catch up with new learning at the same time.
  - ✓ Good attendance raises your child's chance to score well on tests.
  - ✓ Your child learns more about responsibility each day he/she attends school.

**School Staff**

- Take attendance every period.
- Notify parents of student absences.
- Follow-up on uncleared absences.
- Work with parents of students with "poor" attendance.
- Put together a team of appropriate staff members to assist student to improve attendance.