

**Fontana Unified School District**  
*Division of Instructional and Student Services*  
Child Welfare and Attendance

Acceptable Reasons for Excused Student Absences  
(Ed Codes 48010, 48205, 48225.5)

1. Personal illness – School may require doctor’s note verifying absences.
2. Quarantine under the direction of health officer.
3. Personal medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic appointments.
4. Funeral services for a member of the immediate family (limited to 1 day in the state, and 3 days out of state).
5. Student serving on Jury Duty.
6. Exclusion for illness or medical appointment of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent.
7. Personal court appearance (requires verification).
8. Prior principal approval for employment conference.
9. Employment in the entertainment industry – maximum of 5 absences per school year. (Recommend at least 3 days advance notification by parent and requires verification).
10. Observance of a religious holiday or ceremony. (Recommend 3 days advance notice to school).
11. Religious retreat (limited to 4 hours per semester).
12. Prior principal approval for reasons which may not be included elsewhere, but are pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.
13. Confidential medical appointments.
14. Spending time with an immediate family member who is on active military duty who has been called to duty, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment to a combat zone or combat support position. (Length of absence to be determined by superintendent).
15. For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code

**The following requires a Board adopted resolution (Ed. Code 46014):**

16. Religious observance or exercise for moral or religious instruction limited to 4 days per month. Student must attend minimum school day hours. Recommend 3 days advance written request from parent.

Reasons not acceptable for being absent from school and are considered a truancy or unexcused absence from school: (Truant-if the student does the following and unexcused if the parent requires the student to do the following)

1. Going to work with parent or other family member
2. Going to the beach, lake, river, mountains, or desert
3. Going to a concert
4. Getting ready for a date
5. Babysitting, or taking care of other family members
6. Under the influence of alcohol or other drugs
7. Joyriding or partying
8. Personal problems
9. Repairing car or household items
10. Waiting for service or repair people to arrive
11. Shopping
12. Camping
13. Attending a sporting event
14. Bus not available/missing the bus
15. Participating in a student demonstration off campus
16. Other reasons not included in “Acceptable Reasons for Excused Student Absences”