

## CALIFORNIA LAW

Children ages 6 to 18 are legally required to attend school and be on time.  
(Education Code 48200)

### A truant is...

Any student subject to compulsory full time education or to compulsory continuation education who is absent from school without a valid excuse three (3) full days in one (1) school year, or tardy or absent for more than any thirty (30) minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three (3) occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof, is a truant.

After the next unexcused absence or tardy the student is reported a third time and he/she is deemed a Habitual Truant.

A referral to SARB (Student Attendance Review Board) may follow and shall be reported to the attendance supervisor or to the Superintendent of the school district. At this point, parents/guardians can be held legally responsible and be referred for court process. (Education Code 48260, 48261, 48262, 48291)

Cash Aid may be withheld if students are not in “regular attendance.”  
(Welfare & Institutions Code 11253.5)

A “delinquent minor” is one who has four or more trancies within one school year. (Welfare & Institutions Code 601 [b])

Any person who contributes to the delinquency of a minor is subject to one year imprisonment in the county jail and/or a \$2,500 fine [Penal Code 272].