

APG Family Bulletin

10/30/2024

Calendar of Events

10/28 - 11/1: **School Spirit Week!** Details below!

10/30: **High School Info Night for 8G Families, 5:00-6:30PM** - Be sure to [RSVP](#); **Girls Soccer Match**

10/31: **Halloween** (observe safe costume guidelines, no weapons or other inappropriate items)

11/3: **Garden Work Day, 12:30-3:30PM** - All are welcome, we love our staff and family volunteers!

Daylight Savings Ends Today (turn clock back!)

11/5: **SF/CA/National Election Voting Day!**

11/8: **Staff Appreciation Breakfast** [Please Donate COFFEE & FOOD](#)

11/11: **Veterans' Day Holiday, No School**

11/12: **PTSA General Meeting, 6:30pm on [Zoom](#)**. All are welcome, learn about important updates!

11/18 - 11/22: **Daily 2:15pm Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conference Week** (see note below; there will be an adjusted bus schedule for students)

11/25 - 11/29: **Fall Break (Thanksgiving), No School**

12/21 - 1/5: **Winter Break, No School**

- **Ongoing: [Donate to APG PTSA](#) to support our students.**
- **Ongoing: Soccer, Girls & Boys Basketball Games**

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2024: 37th Ave Street Closure, NOON-8PM

Hello APG families,

There will be a special Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) event this Friday, November 1st on 37th Avenue, between Ortega and Pacheco. Set up for this community event will **begin at NOON this Friday** and the street will be closed to traffic.

Please note that **no parking or traffic will be allowed on 37th Avenue between Ortega and Pacheco after school this Friday (for 4pm or later pickup)**. The only exception will be the buses to transport students. Please do not park in our staff-only parking lots and do plan ahead accordingly for safe pick-up of your student on Friday.

Thank you,
APG Administration

Parent-Teacher Conference Week



Dear APG Families,

As a reminder, our middle school parent-teacher conferences are the week of 11/18-11/22 (2:20-4:00pm). There will be **EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2:15PM DAILY** the whole week! Because we have 1,200 students, holding an individual parent conference for every child within the PTC window is impossible. For this reason, we prioritize conferences for students that the teachers identify. The grade-level counselors will be reaching out to families to schedule conferences with your child's teachers, or you may be interested in requesting a conference to find out how your child is doing and what you can do to partner with your child's teacher to make sure they have a successful school year. We encourage your children to participate in the conference. The conferences can either be virtual or in-person at A.P. Giannini.

Suppose you have yet to receive a request to meet for a conference from the counselors and are interested in connecting with your children's teachers to see how things are going this semester. In that case, you can schedule a conference by contacting the grade-level counselors. Our goal is to meet with all families interested in a conference. Thank you!

Contact your child's grade-level counselor to schedule the conference:

- 6th Grade - Ms. Kruger (KrugerK1@sfusd.edu)
- 7th Grade - Mr. Jang (JangJ1@sfusd.edu)
- 8th Grade - Mr. McDaniel (McdanielS@sfusd.edu)



Changes to Transportation Services to Support Parent-Teacher Conferences



November 18-22, 2024

March 3-7, 2025



All elementary and middle school buses will have early dismissal during the weeks of November 18-22, 2024, and March 3-7, 2025 to support Parent-Teacher Conferences. The early dismissal will be based on the Wednesday schedule.

If, for example, a school has a 12:50 pm dismissal time on Wednesdays, during parent conference week the dismissal for Monday through Friday will be 12:50 pm. All buses, GenEd and IEP, will adhere to the revised schedule for Parent-Teacher Conference week.

Note: PK (both EES and co-located classes) are not impacted and their schedule and length of day remains the same.



The following services will be canceled during the weeks of Parent-Teacher Conferences to accommodate this change in the bell schedule.

- Elementary & middle school early releases
- Elementary, middle, and high school Therapy services after 12:00 pm
- All field trips using Zum buses

Please contact the Transportation Team if you have any clarifying questions or would like more information.

415-695-5505

SPIRIT WEEK!

October 28 - November 1

Students & Staff: Our Halloween Spirit week started Monday, Oct 28th – come dressed in the theme of the day!

- *Monday, 10/28:* *Favorite Sports Team or Player*
- *Tuesday, 10/29:* *Class Colors (6th: black, 7th: white or grey, 8th: blue)*
- *Wednesday, 10/30:* *"On Wednesdays, we wear pink"*
- *Thursday, 10/31:* *Halloween Costumes (observe safety rules)*
- *Friday, 11/1:* *Pajama Day*





APG ATHLETICS

FOLLOW US
ON
INSTAGRAM

Come Cheer on our APG Jaguars!

 [Boys Basketball Schedule](#)

BUY BASKETBALL GEAR HERE: ONE, TWO

 [Girls Basketball Schedule](#)

THREE, FOUR

 [Girls Soccer Schedule](#)

BUY SOCCER GEAR HERE: ONE, TWO, THREE

APG ATHLETICS GOOGLE CLASSROOM

For the latest information and updates regarding Giannini Athletics, please have your child (using their SFUSD student account) join the [APG Athletics Google Classroom](#). Click on the “+” or “join class” and type in the class code: **ommj472**

*** PAPERWORK THROUGH HOME CAMPUS ***

The SFUSD Athletics Office asks parents/guardians to submit all athletic paperwork at <http://www.homecampus.com>.

- Use this link to [create an account and complete paperwork](#)
- Use this link for [instructions on using Home Campus](#)
- Follow this link for a [Home Campus walkthrough video](#)

[Student Athlete Pre-participation Physical Form](#) Requires doctor signature. Upload page 4 to the athlete's Home Campus account.
[Parent Consent Form](#) If not checked off on Home Campus, one form must be submitted for each sport.

Athletes can only participate in tryouts once all forms are completed and submitted on Home Campus and they receive official clearance from us.

Questions? Email Athletic Director, Mr. Alfaro, at alfaroi.c@sfusd.edu

For more information about athletics, please click here: [APG Athletics Information](#)

For an overview of Tryouts, please click here: [Tryouts](#)

CHANGING FAMILIES

A SUPPORT GROUP AT APG



A supportive and interactive group for A.P. Giannini Middle School students navigating familial issues like divorce/separation and more. Students will learn coping skills, healthy communication styles, and how to build resilience in a safe space.

Here are a few details:

- This is an entirely **confidential** group.
- The group will be facilitated by Tara, our MFT (Marriage and Family Therapist) Trainee and Danielle, our Community Health Outreach Worker (CHOW).
- Meetings will be held during 2nd Period every Monday.

Are you interested in joining? Have questions?

Email shimw@sfusd.edu (Danielle) or tmojabi@bacr.org (Tara)



APG is starting a new ‘Changing Families’ support group for our middle school students!

If you know of any students or want to sign your student up, please email shimw@sfusd.edu with the student’s name and grade.

Refer a student for MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

News from our Wellness Center!

Parents & Caregivers:
use this QR code to
request wellness
support for your
student. Or students can
refer themselves.

No smartphone? Use this [LINK](#)



REFERRAL FORM

A.P. Giannini cares about our students' mental health! Refer a child to receive services from the Wellness Center.

Once a referral is made, the student will be contacted by a member of the Wellness Center for a short consultation.



来自我们的健康中心的消息！

家长和监护人：使用此二维码为您的学生申请健康支持。或者学生可以自行申请。

没有智能手机？[使用此链接](#)

推荐学生

心理健康支持



转介表格

A.P. Giannini 关心我们学生的心理健康！推荐孩子接受健康中心的服务。

一旦提出转诊，健康中心的一名成员将与学生联系，进行简短的咨询。

¡Novedades de nuestro Centro de Bienestar!

Padres y tutores: utilicen este código QR para solicitar apoyo de bienestar para su estudiante. Los estudiantes también pueden solicitarlo ellos mismos.

¿No tienes un teléfono inteligente? Usa este [ENLACE](#)

Recomienda a un estudiante para APOYO DE SALUD MENTAL



FORMULARIO DE REFERENCIA

¡A A.P. Giannini le importa la salud mental de nuestros estudiantes! Refiera a un niño para que reciba servicios del Centro de Bienestar.

Una vez realizada la derivación, un miembro del Centro de Bienestar se comunicará con el estudiante para una

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GIVE A LITTLE.
HELP A LOT.



APG

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HIGH SCHOOL INFO NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024

5:00 TO 6:30 PM

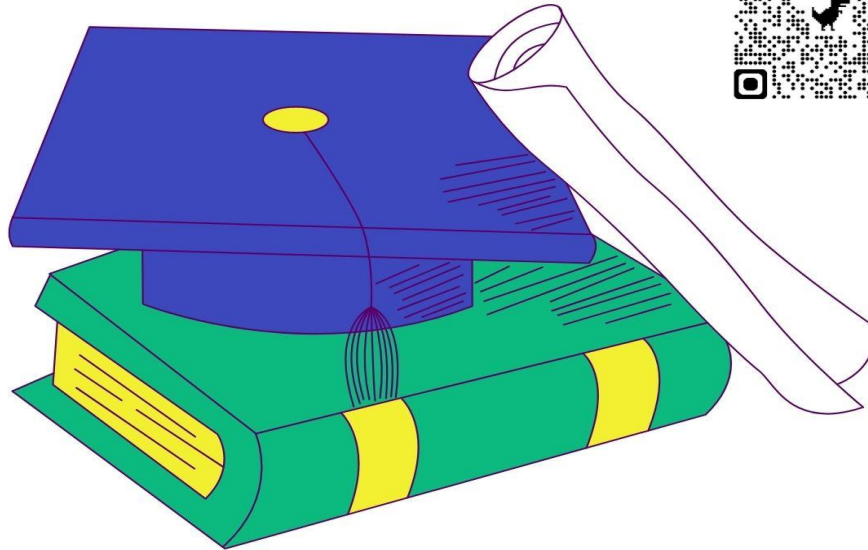
A.P. GIANNINI AUDITORIUM

5:00 PM - Family Mixer *optional*

5:30 PM - 8th Grade Counselor Presentation

6:00 PM - High School Student Panel

RSVP HERE



8TH GRADE FAMILIES

[RSVP HERE](#)

[中文](#) | [Español](#)



Upcoming Dates for SFUSD High School Enrollment, 2025-26

October 30: APG High School Info Night for our
8th Grade Families, 5:00-6:30pm, APG

Auditorium. [CLICK TO RSVP FOR APG HS
INFO NIGHT](#)

[SFUSD Enrollment is OPEN - See details at their
Website HERE](#)

YOU'RE INVITED

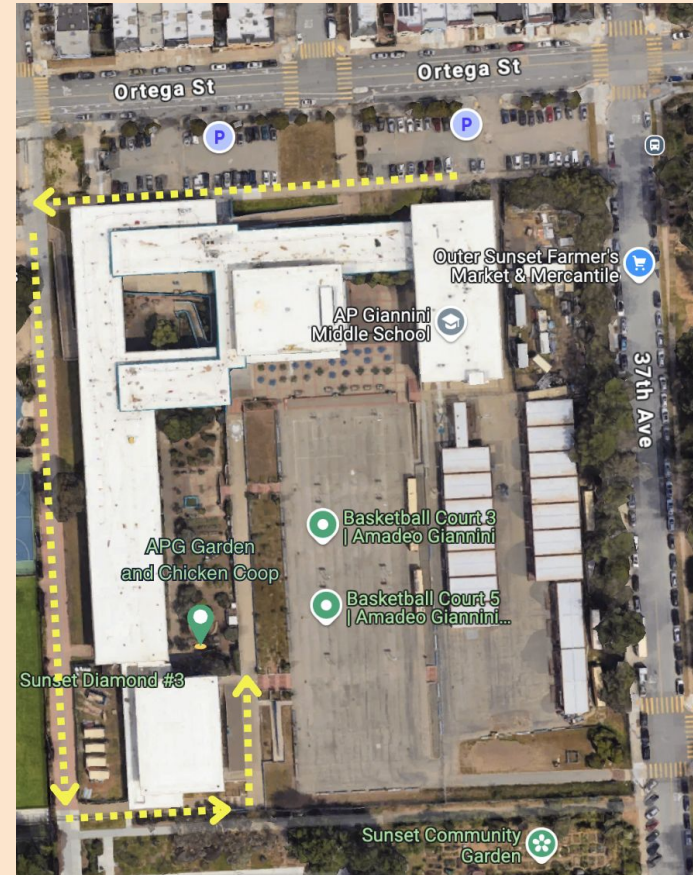
Community

**GARDEN
WORKDAY**

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 3RD**

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

**A.P. GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL
MEET BY THE CHICKEN COOP**



**Come help out in our
fabulous APG garden!
All are welcome!**

**Meet other
families & have
fun!**

November Staff Appreciation Breakfast - HELP!!!

We need MANY FOOD & COFFEE donations for our Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, November 8!

SIGN UP HERE

signup.com/go/wMmuSoc

Each month, our APG Families provide a delicious breakfast buffet for our incredible teachers & staff before school starts, at 8:45-9:25AM. We'd love for ALL families to participate at least ONCE this year. Thank you!

NEXT BREAKFAST: DEC 6TH





**WE ARE IN NEED OF MANY VOLUNTEERS
ACROSS MANY SCHOOL EVENTS!
PLEASE GIVE US AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME
TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF.
THANK YOU!**

**HELP ORGANIZE THE SUPPLY CLOSET & BOOKS:
EMAIL THE OFFICE**

ONGOING: LUNCHTIME GARDEN SUPERVISION

GARDEN WORKDAY 11/3, 12:30-3:30PM

STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST 11/8

HELP ON A SCHOOL TOUR, Nov - Jan

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Help organize the supply closet & put away books!



Our awesome office staff desperately needs your help organizing the 1st floor supply closet. And, they still need lots of help with the book closet organization/ boxing up old books.

You can come at your convenience during school hours. Come in for a couple hours... or more! Contact the office to set a time.

EMAIL THE OFFICE

Let them know when you can come and they'll confirm with you.

Many hands make light work!

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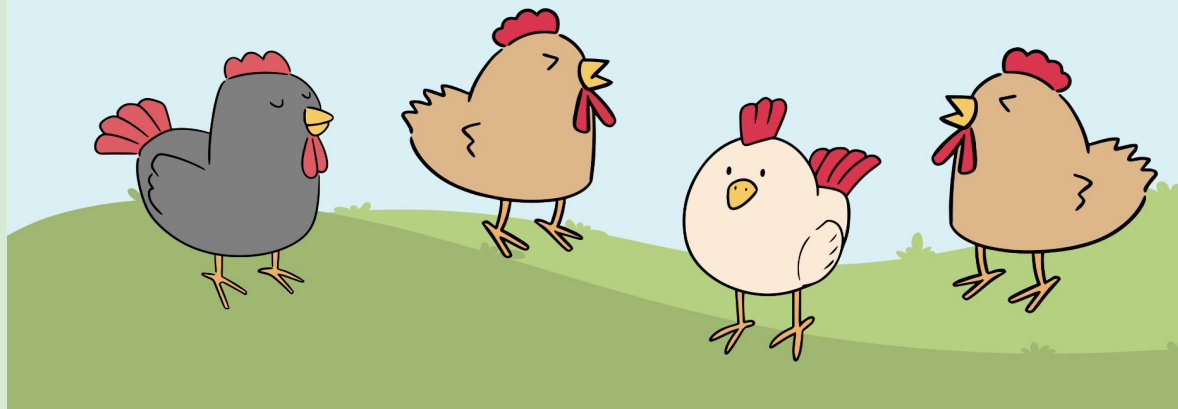
Chicken Care

Weekends and School Holidays

Feed the
chickens

Clean the
chicken coop

Take fresh
eggs home!



[Sign Up for Chicken Care Here](#)

Questions? Email Garden Teacher Ansel, aschoonhoven@bacr.org

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Garden Supervision, Lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays



Tasks include supervision with the possibility of supporting Teacher Ansel with Garden Club. [Sign up HERE.](#)

- Tuesdays, 12:25 to 1:05 PM
- Thursdays, 12:42 to 1:22 PM

[Sign Up Here](#)

Please consider signing up for a day, or many days!

More Volunteers needed for November and December



A.P. Giannini Middle School

JOIN US ON WECHAT! 加入我們的微信

A Space for Chinese-
Speaking Parents!
華語家長的空間!



- Stay connected
保持聯繫
- Support community
支持社區
- Exchange cultures
交流文化



Contacts 聯絡資訊
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winki wu | winki936wu@gmail.com



Sweatpants (Small / XXLarge) Donations for the Wellness Center

Drop off in Main Office or Room 128



Please donate sweatpants to the Wellness Center. Sometimes, students have accidents and need spare pants. We especially need them in sizes Small and XXLarge.

You can drop them off in the Main Office or Wellness Center (Room 128). If you have any questions, please email Nurse Judy at zhengj1@sfusd.edu.

FIREFIGHTERS' FAMILY BIKE RIDE

Panhandle Park
(Fell & Ashbury)



JFK Promenade
Golden Gate Park
(14th Ave E Meadow)

Sunday, November 3

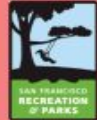
11am - 2pm

Join the SF Fire Department, SF Safe Routes to School, Kid Safe SF, SF Recreation and Parks, and the SF Bicycle Coalition on a family bike ride along car-free JFK Promenade in Golden Gate Park and come see a fire truck up close!

This is a free event!

RSVP: sfbike.org/event/sffdbikeride

Presented by:



San Francisco
County Transportation
Authority



Sunday Family Bike Ride with SF Fire Department and SF Safe Routes to School

Join firefighters on a bike ride and explore a fire truck up close!

Join the San Francisco Fire Department and [San Francisco Safe Routes to School](https://sfbike.org/event/sffdbikeride) on Sunday, November 3rd at 11am for a bike ride to celebrate firefighters and their families for their efforts around the city! The bike ride will begin at Panhandle Park and will end at the 14 Ave E Meadow (near the whale tail), where a fire truck will be available to explore to the public!

All ages welcome!

Date: Sunday, November 3, 2024

Time: 11am-2pm

Start Location: Panhandle Park

End location: 14 Ave E. Meadow (near the whale tail)

RSVP: sfbike.org/event/sffdbikeride

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

SPORTS PHYSICALS

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!

Starting October 15, 2024

CHPY will provide sports physicals for:

UNINSURED PATIENTS
MEDI-CAL PATIENTS

Important Note for Privately Insured Patients:
Students with private insurance will need to visit
their primary care provider for sports physicals

STAY HEALTHY AND ACTIVE!



SFDPH CHPY CLINICS

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

<https://www.sf.gov/resource/2023/community-health-programs-youth-chpy>

3rd St. Youth Clinic
1728 Bancroft Ave
SF, CA 92124
(415) 822-1708

Dimensions Youth Clinic
3850 17th St.
SF, CA 94114
(628) 217-6919

Balboa Teen Health Center
1000 Cayuga Ave
SF, CA 94112
(415) 469-4512

Burton Teen Clinic
400 Mansell St.
SF, CA 941334
(415) 469-4550

Cole St. Youth Clinic
555 Cole St.
SF, CA 94117
(415) 386-9398

Willie Brown Middle School
2055 Silver Ave.
SF, CA 94124
(415) 642-8901

Larkin St. Youth Center
134 Golden Gate Ave
SF, CA 94102
(415) 673-0911

New Generation Health Center
2500 18th St.
SF, CA 94110
(415) 502-8336



San Francisco
Health Network

APG Attendance Office

New this School Year

- Report your student for a **Full Day** absence in your **ParentVUE** account via the mobile app or desktop
 - Instructions from **SFUSD**
 - **Note:** This form is for a FULL DAY absence only.
- **Permit to Leave School online form**

Reminder: Your student is responsible for picking up their ***Permit to Leave School slip*** from the Counseling Office before the start of school from 9:00am- 9:30am.

Students with a ***Permit to Leave School*** will exit from the main school entrance at 3151 Ortega.

Please don't pull into our parking lots nor block the school/city buses to pick up your student.

Other ways to report Attendance issues

Email Attendance

404 APGattendance@sfusd.edu

Provide a written note to the Counseling Office Admin, Ms. Dawson

Phone our Counseling Office at 415-759-2773

In all communications with the school regarding a student's absence or request to leave, please provide the following:

- Your name and identify yourself as the parent/guardian/caregiver of the student
- Student's name
- Date(s) of the absence(s) or leave
- Reason for the absence or leave
- Signature of a parent/caregiver and current date (if a written note)

EXCUSED ABSENCES & ILLNESSES

What to do if your student does not feel well? PLEASE STAY AT HOME!

If your student is exhibiting any of the symptoms below, please have your student stay home and rest. For fever: please return to school after 24 hours of being fever-free, without medication, has passed.

Fever of 100.4° F or higher, body chills/shivers	Sore throat	Shortness of breath	Headache	New loss of smell or taste
Nausea or Vomiting	Diarrhea	Body aches	Fatigue	Cough
Pinkeye	Rash	Mouth Sores	Abdominal Pain	Runny Nose

Families may be contacted for further follow up if needed for an ill student. If you are called to pick up your sick student, please do so promptly or arrange for them to get home safely immediately. We have limited spaces in our Wellness Center/School for sick students to wait without exposing others. If you have any questions regarding the SFUSD illness protocol, please **visit webpage [HERE](#)** or contact our School Nurse, Judy (ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu).

HANDBOOK: EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

4.1.4 Excused and Unexcused Absences

Student and Family Handbook

Chapter 1: Welcome ∨

Chapter 2: SFUSD's Commitment to Families and Students ∨

Chapter 3: Family Resources and Rights ∨

Chapter 4: Student Academic Expectations ∧

4.1 Attendance Guidelines ∧

4.1.1 Importance of Attendance

4.1.2 Recommendations for Temporary School Exclusion Due to Illness

4.1.3 What Parents/Caregivers Should Do When a Student Will Be Absent

4.1.4 Excused and Unexcused

Excused and Unexcused Absences

([SFUSD Board Policy 5113](#))

Valid Excused Absences (Absences Excused by State law)

Verification of student absences is accepted only from parents/guardians/caregivers, or the student if they are 18 years old or older.

CA Education Code 48205 states that a student shall be excused from school when the absence is:

- 1 Due to the pupil's illness, including an absence for the benefit of the pupil's mental or behavioral health.
- 2 Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
- 3 For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
- 4 For the purpose of attending the funeral services or grieving the death of either a member of the pupil's immediate family, or of a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than five days per incident.
- 5 For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
- 6 Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent, including absences to care for a sick child, for which the school shall not require a note from a doctor.

Importance of Attendance

California law requires that children between the ages of 6 and 18 attend school every day. While the law does not currently apply to children below the age of six, research shows that early education (pre-school and kindergarten) is essential for future academic success. It is the parent/caregiver's responsibility to ensure that their child gets to school every day.

Tips for Parents/Caregivers: Getting to School on Time

- Make sure your child goes to bed early and gets a good night's sleep.
- Develop a morning routine (get dressed, eat breakfast, brush teeth) and stick with it.
- Talk with your child about the importance of attending school every day for academic success.
- Arrange a time every night without interruptions for your child to do homework.

Regular Attendance is Essential!

National and local research has shown that students with frequent absences, whether excused or unexcused, have lower literacy levels, lower grades and higher drop-out rates than students who attend school regularly.

The Governing Board believes that regular attendance plays an important role in student achievement. The Board will work with parents/guardians and students to ensure their compliance with all state attendance laws and may use appropriate legal means to correct problems of chronic absence or truancy. **Absence in excess of 10% or more days of school, whether those absences are excused or unexcused, will be considered Chronic Absence.**

For support in keeping your child in school, or if you have any questions about District Attendance Policy, please contact your school administrator or the Student Family Services Division, by calling (415) 340-1716, emailing sflink@sfusd.edu or submit an online form at familylink.sfusd.edu.

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