

# APG Family Bulletin

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11/13/2024

# Calendar of Events

- 11/15: Spring Musical Audition Information Meeting, Lunchtime in the Choir Room (Room 300);
- 11/15: BeaconFest, 4:30pm [RSVP](#)
- 11/18 - 11/22: Daily 2:15pm Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conference Week [[adjusted bell schedule](#)]
- 11/21: APG Fall Plays! 6pm: *A Little Princess* starring Intermediate Drama,  
7pm: *The Miracle Worker* starring Advanced Drama. Get tickets [HERE!](#)
- 11/25 - 11/29: Fall Break (Thanksgiving), No School**
- 12/2 - 12/11: Online APG beanie sale, [APG shop](#)
- 12/5: 8th Grade Parents High School Chat, 5:30pm @ Finnegans
- 12/6: Staff Appreciation Breakfast, Please [DONATE](#) coffee and food!
- 12/21 - 1/5: Winter Break, No School**

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



# DONATE TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

GIVE A LITTLE.  
HELP A LOT.



**APG**

Scan to  
donate  
today!



[tinyurl.com/APGdonate](https://tinyurl.com/APGdonate)





# 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](mailto:KrugerK1@sfusd.edu))
- 7th Grade - Mr. Jang ([JangJ1@sfusd.edu](mailto:JangJ1@sfusd.edu))
- 8th Grade - Mr. McDaniel ([McdanielS@sfusd.edu](mailto:McdanielS@sfusd.edu))



# PTC Bell Schedule

## 2024-25 A. P. Giannini PTC Bell Schedule

*Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conference Week*

*11/18 - 11/22 , 3/3 - 3/27*

<b>1°</b>	9:30 - 10:10
<i>Passing</i>	10:10 - 10:15
<b>2°</b>	10:15 - 10:51
<i>Passing</i>	10:51 - 10:56
<b>3°</b>	10:56 - 11:32
<i>Passing</i>	11:32 - 11:37
<b>4°</b>	11:37 - 12:13
<b>LUNCH</b>	12:13 - 12:53
<i>Passing</i>	12:53 - 12:58
<b>5°</b>	12:58 - 1:34
<i>Passing</i>	1:34 - 1:39
<b>6°</b>	1:39 - 2:15





### 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**





# 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](mailto:alfaroi.c@sfusd.edu)

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

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



We welcome our families to check out what your students have been working on during the Beacon Program!

[RSVP HERE](#)



APG BEACON  
BEACONFEST CYCLE 1

NOV 15, 2024 AT 4:30PM

AP GIANNINI CAFETERIA







## **Announcing Auditions for the 2025 School Musical: *Newsies Jr.!***

**Information Meeting:** Fri, Nov. 15th at lunch in the Choir Room (Room 300)

**Auditions:** Tues, Dec. 3rd & Wed, Dec. 4th

**Performances:** Thurs, Feb. 20th and Fri, Feb. 21st

Auditions are open to ALL students (grades 6, 7, 8)

**Questions?** Contact Ms. Sunderland: [sunderlandj@sfusd.edu](mailto:sunderlandj@sfusd.edu)



Don't miss the Fall Plays!  
Starring Intermediate &  
Advanced Drama!

A.P. Giannini Drama Department Presents

# THE MIRACLE WORKER

By  
William Gibson



at 7:00pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

Based on the novel by  
Frances Hodgson Burnett

A LITTLE  
PRINCESS

at 6:00pm

Reserve Tickets:



A.P. Giannini  
Auditorium  
3151 Ortega St.

Get tickets [HERE!](#)  
(some tickets also  
available at the door)



# 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](mailto:shimw@sfusd.edu) (Danielle) or  
[tmojabi@bacr.org](mailto:tmojabi@bacr.org) (Tara)



APG started 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](mailto: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.

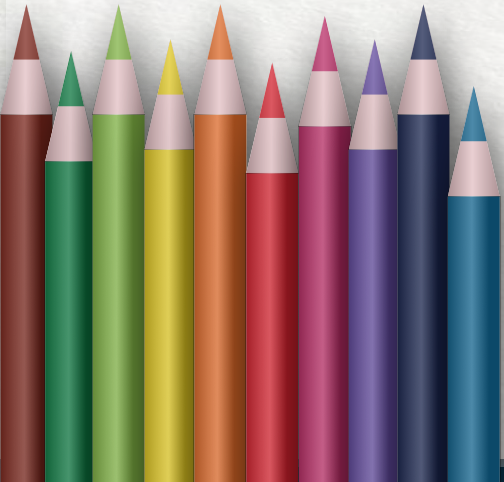
No smartphone? Use this [LINK](#)



### 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

# December Staff Appreciation Breakfast - Please contribute!

We need many FOOD & COFFEE donations for our Staff Appreciation Breakfast on FRIDAY, DEC. 6th !

**SIGN UP HERE**

**[signup.com/go/wMmuSoc](https://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 contribute at least once this year. Thank you!







**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 Beth Ryan**

**ONGOING: LUNCHTIME GARDEN SUPERVISION**

**STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST 11/8 & 12/6**

**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 us to set a time.

**EMAIL PTSA coordinator, Beth Ryan**

Let her know when you can come and she'll confirm with you.

*Many hands make light work!*



A.P. Giannini Middle School

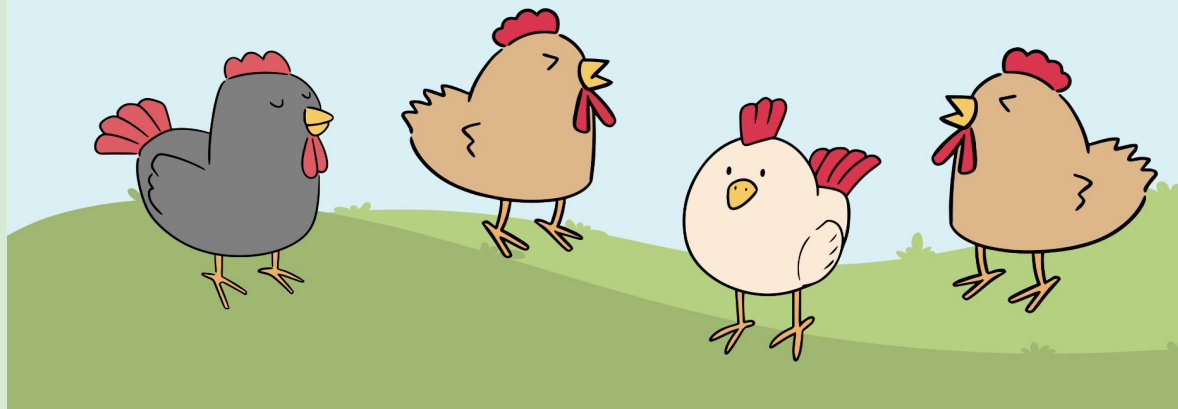
# Chicken Care

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](mailto: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



# **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](mailto:zhengj1@sfusd.edu).

# Donate to SFUSD Shared Schoolyard Program by volunteering or by contributions to the programs

## Donate by volunteering or by contributions to the programs.

Believe in the potential to create a better future.

Volunteering with the Shared Schoolyard Program provides a safe environment for children to play, learn soccer, create art, and form friendships with their peers.

Your support is making a meaningful and long-lasting impact on our community. The Shared Schoolyard Program is essential in empowering young people to achieve their goals, enhancing the well-being of individuals and the community, and promoting security, support, and good health for all.

We rely on the generous support and participation of the community to carry out our mission. You can help us make a real difference.

High school students can earn community service hours by participating in Beautification Day with SFUSD to meet graduation requirements.

## Get Involved Outside the School.

### Make a difference by volunteering weekly:

Volunteers assist in keeping our schoolyards clean and accessible for families.

### Garden & Campus Beautification:

Get your hands dirty in our garden and help with painting, planting, and cleaning projects.

### Volunteering Opportunities:

- December 14, 2024 - Green Yard Beautification Day Dr. Martin Luther King Jr MS - 8:30 am - 1 pm.
- March 8, 2025 - Arbor Day Fair, Location TBD, 8:30 am - 1 pm.

### Groups and team-building are welcomed:

Please give us at least two weeks minimum advance notice for your group's volunteer date.

All volunteers are required to register (this includes signing a volunteering-in-person waiver).

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at Yelena Miakinina, [MiakininaY@sfusd.edu](mailto:MiakininaY@sfusd.edu), Subject: Volunteering with the Shared Schoolyard Program.

We hope to see you soon!

<https://www.sfusd.edu/shared-schoolyard-program/support-our-work>





RSVP HERE  
掃碼報名



GORDON J. LAU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTS  
刘贵明小学主办

# Chinatown Resources Fair

## 华埠资源博览会

Join us!  
来参加吧!

Enrollment Workshop 入学讲座  
Community Agencies 社区组织  
Service Providers 服务机构  
Freebies and Activities 免費贈品和活動

2024年11月23号, 星期六  
9点-12点

Gordon J. Lau Elementary School  
Cafeteria  
950 Clay St, San Francisco, CA 94108

Give away free  
backpacks to first  
50 kids in line

排队进入前50位小朋友  
可获得免费书包

[Sign up here](#)

We're excited to invite you and your families to our upcoming **Chinatown Resources Fair** on **Saturday, November 23, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in Gordon J. Lau Elementary Cafeteria! This event is open to the entire Chinatown community, so please feel free to share the news with your neighbors and friends! Come connect with local community agencies and service providers who will be offering a wide range of resources, including:

- School Enrollment
- After-school Programs
- Mental Health Support
- Job Trainings
- ESL Classes
- Immigration and Tenants' Rights
- Parenting Classes
- Healthcare Resources
- Literacy
- Public Benefits
- And much more!

### Special Highlights:

- **School Enrollment Workshops** hosted by Educational Placement Center (EPC) - Learn about the school enrollment process for the upcoming school year and get your questions answered
- **Free Backpacks & Supplies** for the first 50 participants in line
- **Snacks and Refreshments** for all attendees
- **Fun Activities for kids**

Please sign up [HERE](#) by **Wednesday, Nov 20** to help us plan for snacks. Mark your calendar today and bring your family! Let's come together and support one another!



RSVP HERE  
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GORDON J. LAU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTS  
LA ESCUELA GORDON J. LAU PRESENTA

# Chinatown Resources Fair

## Feria de Recursos de Barrio Chino

Join us!  
¡Únete a nosotros!

Enrollment Workshop Taller de Inscripción  
Community Agencies Agencias Comunitarias  
Service Providers Proveedores de Servicios  
Freebies and Activities Regalos y actividades

Saturday, Nov 23, 2024  
9AM-12PM

Gordon J. Lau Elementary School  
Cafeteria  
950 Clay St, San Francisco, CA 94108

Give away free  
backpacks to first  
50 kids in line

Regalaremos mochilas  
gratis a los primeros  
50 niños en la fila



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# BREAKTHROUGH SUMMERBRIDGE

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**Application Now Open!**

*\*Must be currently in 6th grade to apply*

## Breakthrough Summerbridge Offerings:

- Intensive summer academic classes
- After school enrichment programming
- High school placement advising
- College access programming

## Next Steps:

- Complete the **BTSB Inquiry form** found on our website
- Attend one of our **Open Houses**, register on the Inquiry form
- Apply!



## About Breakthrough Summerbridge

Breakthrough Summerbridge is a tuition-free, academic enrichment, summer and after-school program for middle school students. **Students must apply in their 6th grade year.**

**Apply Now!**  
[summerbridgesf.org](http://summerbridgesf.org)

**Application Deadline**  
March 7, 2025

**Questions**  
[summerbridgesf@sfuhs.org](mailto:summerbridgesf@sfuhs.org)  
(415) 212-9204



# BREAKTHROUGH SUMMERBRIDGE

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AT SAN FRANCISCO UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

**Aplicación ya disponible!**

*\*Debe estar en sexto grado para aplicar*

## Breakthrough Summerbridge Ofrece:

- Clases académicas durante el verano
- Enriquecimiento académico después de la escuela
- Asesoramiento de colocación en la escuela secundaria
- Programación de acceso a la universidad

## Siguientes Pasos:

- Llene el **Formulario de Consulta**, se encuentra en nuestro sitio web
- Asista a una de nuestras **Sesiones Informativas**, regístrese en el formulario de consulta
- Aplique!



## Sobre Breakthrough Summerbridge

Un programa gratuito de enriquecimiento académico, de verano y después de la escuela para estudiantes de secundaria. **Los estudiantes deben aplicar en el sexto grado de primaria.**

**Como Aplicar**  
[summerbridgesf.org](http://summerbridgesf.org)

**Fecha Límite**  
7 de marzo del 2025

**Preguntas**  
[summerbridgesf@sfuhs.org](mailto:summerbridgesf@sfuhs.org)  
(415) 212-9204



# BREAKTHROUGH SUMMERBRIDGE

EST. 1978  
AT SAN FRANCISCO UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

**申请现已开放!**

*\*目前必须是六年级才能申请*

## Breakthrough Summerbridge 服务:

- 暑期学术强化课程
- 课后强化计划
- 高中安置建议
- 大学入学计划

## 下一步:

- 填写我们网站上的 **BTSB 查询表**
- 参加我们的一场信息发布会, 在查询表上注册
- 申请!



## 关于Breakthrough Summerbridge

是一项针对中学生的免学费、学术强化、暑期和课后项目。 **学生必须在六年级时申请。**

**现在申请!**  
[summerbridgesf.org](http://summerbridgesf.org)

**报名截止日期**  
2025年3月7日

**问题**  
[summerbridgesf@sfuhs.org](mailto:summerbridgesf@sfuhs.org)  
(415) 212-9204



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.
- **Early Dismissal / 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 office doors.

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\\_APAttendance@sfusd.edu](mailto:404_APAttendance@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](mailto: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](mailto:sflink@sfusd.edu) or submit an online form at [familylink.sfusd.edu](http://familylink.sfusd.edu).

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