

APG Family Bulletin

12/18/2024

Calendar of Events

- 12/18 Girls Volleyball Jamboree @ Roosevelt MS, 2:30-6pm; Family Event: Warm Wishes and Wellness, 5:00pm for families who RSVP'd in advance
- 12/18 - 12/20 APG Wellness Fest for Students, daily activities during school day, see details in flier below
- 12/23 - 1/3 **Winter Break, No School for 2 Weeks**
HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2025!
- Thru 1/31 Donate recycled items to Garden Educator: shoe boxes, takeout boxes & more - see flier below!
- 1/3 - 1/12 Growing Up Green, APG School Garden Fundraiser with Sloat Garden Center
- 1/6 School Resumes, First day of the Spring Semester
- 1/8 Staff Appreciation Breakfast, [PLEASE DONATE](#)
- 1/17 BEACON Program Closed for Staff Dev; Girls Volleyball Games Begin
- 1/20 **Martin Luther King Holiday. No School**
- 1/22 & 1/23 Chalos Fundraiser
- 1/29 **Lunar New Year Observance. No School**
- 2/4 General PTSA Meeting [via Zoom](#) - all are welcome at our meetings!

Ongoing: [Donate to APG PTSA](#) to support our students! [Chicken Care during Holidays & Weekends](#)



WINTER BREAK!

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 3
NO SCHOOL DURING BREAK**

RETIREMENT NEWS!

Sheila has worked with SFUSD SNS for 18.5 years and we're grateful for her dedication to our APG Students during her time at our school.

We wish Sheila a Happy Retirement! She'll be greatly missed by our community and everyone who worked with her during the past two decades!



**DONATE TO
SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOL**

**GIVE A LITTLE.
HELP A LOT.**



Scan to
donate
today!



tinyurl.com/APGdonate



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[JAG FUND UPDATE: LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING!](#)

So far, we've raised \$55,000 toward our \$125,000 goal. A huge shoutout to everyone who has contributed to the Jag Fund already - thank you.

We're making great progress, but there's still more ground to cover to reach our goal. If YOU have NOT had a chance to contribute yet, NOW is the perfect time to jump in. Whether it's a one-time gift or a monthly pledge, every dollar counts. Your support brings to life amazing programs like outdoor science education, a thriving garden, P.E. uniforms, family socials, classroom supplies, support for Wellness Center, teacher grants, and staff appreciation events.

Together, let's reach our goal and make APG even stronger for our students! Donations can be made through PayPal, Facebook, or by a Check (made to 'APG PTA'. [Learn more here.]

Thank you for being a vital part of our public school community. Let's do this, Jaguars!

WELLNESS FEST

DECEMBER 2024

GAMES, PRIZES, AND MORE!

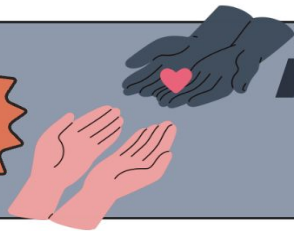
Learn more about mental health wellness and creating a safe space at APG!

COMMUNITY RESOURCE LUNCH FAIR

@ the Auditorium lobby during lunch

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18

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ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN

Advisory Presentation

SCHOOL CLUB LUNCH FAIR

@ the Auditorium lobby during lunch



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All Students are encouraged to attend our December 18-20 Wellness events

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](#)

Refer a student for MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT



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.

A.P. Giannini Middle School

Fall 2024

The Arts Department

Quarterly Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 18 - Band Performs at City Hall

*Bravo to all our students for their
fantastic performances this month!*

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

APRIL 26, 2025, 10a-2pm,

Sunset Arts Festival at APG



Looking for a
Holiday Event?

Take care of our
Four APG
Chickens over
the Winter break
to make sure
they're well and
thriving!



[Sign Up for Chicken Care Here](#)

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



Donate recycled materials for APG Garden Classes!

What You Can Donate:

- Clean takeout boxes
- Disposable containers with lids
- Paper towel rolls
- Cardboard boxes (small, shoebox size)

Collection Dates:

**Dec 16 -
Jan 31**

Drop off at the APG
Beacon Office

These materials will be upcycled for Garden Projects! Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, reach out to Teacher Ansel: aschoonhoven@bacr.org



APG ATHLETICS

[FOLLOW US ON
INSTAGRAM](#)


CONGRATS TO OUR APG GIRLS BASKETBALL, BOYS BASKETBALL & GIRLS SOCCER TEAMS

Our teams worked hard and had a great season! Congrats to all our players.

SPRING TRACK & FIELD INFORMATION MEETING

Interested in Track & Field? The Information meeting will be held in January. Details to come!

COME CHEER ON YOUR APG GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM!

Check the game schedule and support our student athletes:  [Girls Volleyball Schedule](#)

APG ATHLETIC GEAR Show your school team spirit! Order your APG Athletic Team Tees & Gear [HERE!](#)

APG ATHLETICS GOOGLE CLASSROOM

For the latest info and updates on 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 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 p. 4 to 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 info about athletics, click [HERE](#) For an overview of Tryouts, please click [HERE](#)

January Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Please Donate Food!

We need FOOD & COFFEE donations for our Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Wednesday January 8th!

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. Thank you!

Next B'fast dates: Feb 5, Mar 12, Apr 10, May 8



Garden Workday - Every First Sunday of the Month!



Join us every first Sunday of the month to work on the APG Garden! Paint signs, beautify the garden, and hang out with the chickens!

Dates: January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6

If you have any questions, please reach out to Teacher Ansel at aschoonhoven@bacr.org.

APG GARDEN FUNDRAISER JANUARY 3RD - 12th

Shop at any local, SF Sloat Garden Center starting JAN 3rd to 12th. Mention "**AP Giannini**" at the checkout and our school garden will receive 10% back from all sales!

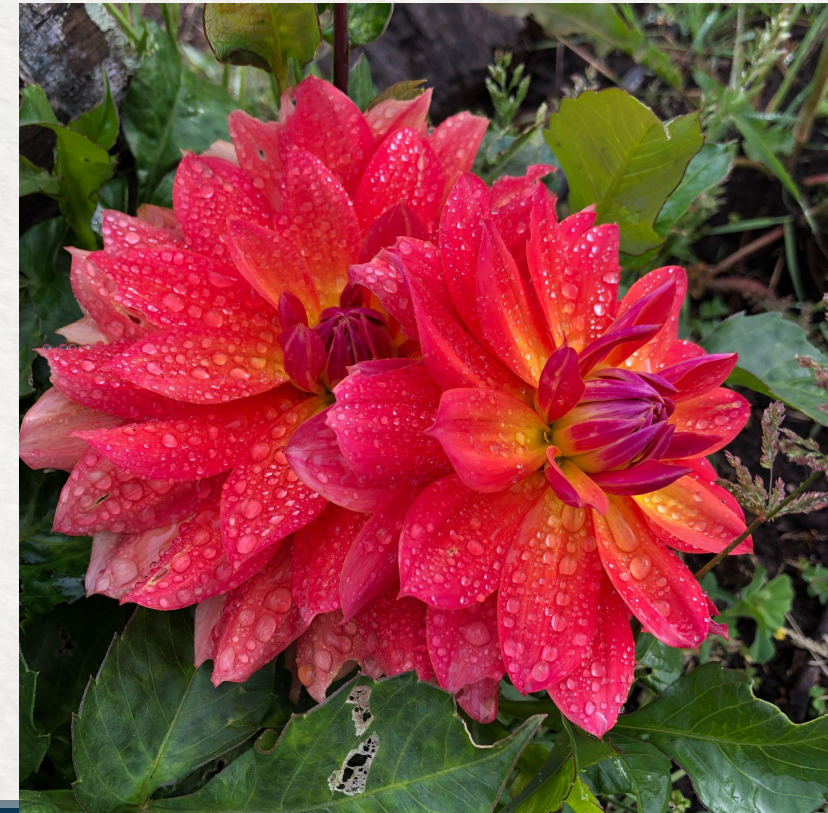
While you're there, please consider purchasing local compost & soil to donate to our garden. When you purchase these two items at Sloat this coming week, we benefit twice!

Questions? Donations? Want to join our fantastic Garden Team? Email our Garden Chairs, Ruben and Katy.

Please spread the word, go shop, & help support our amazing garden space at our school. Our students and staff adore our beautiful plants and trees, hanging with the chickens, and relaxing in a green space.

Happy Gardening!

Sloat
GARDEN CENTER





★ APG BEACON PROGRAM CLOSED ALL DAY 1/17/25 ★

On Friday, January 17, 2025, A.P. Giannini Beacon Program will be closed all day as our staff will be receiving Professional Development training to continue to ensure the highest quality program to the AP Giannini Community. Please email bguy@bacr.org if you have any questions.

2025年1月17日星期五，A.P. Giannini Beacon 計劃將全天關閉，因為我們的員工將接受專業發展培訓，以繼續確保為 AP Giannini 社區提供最高品質的計劃。如果您有任何疑問，請發送電子郵件至 bguy@bacr.org。

El viernes 17 de enero de 2025, el Programa Beacon de AP Giannini estará cerrado todo el día, ya que nuestro personal recibirá capacitación de desarrollo profesional para continuar garantizando un programa de la más alta calidad para la comunidad de AP Giannini. Envíe un correo electrónico a bguy@bacr.org si tiene alguna pregunta.

JANUARY

Eat at
Chalos &
support
our school!



A.P. GIANNINI
FUNDRAISER

JANUARY 22-23

— CLOSING TIME IS 5:00 PM —

USE CODE **GOJAGUARS2025** AT
CHALOS AND SUPPORT APG!

GET A
BAKER'S
DOZEN

\$10 WILL BE
DONATED TO
APG PER DOZEN

IN-STORE
PURCHASE
FOR DINE-IN

10% OF IN-STORE
SALES WILL
GO TO APG

GET
YOUR
CHALOS
TODAY

2240 TARAVAL STREET

ONLINE PURCHASES MUST
BE MADE AT: CHALOSSF.COM



YOU
CAN'T EAT
JUST ONE!



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 January



**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!**

ONGOING: LUNCHTIME GARDEN SUPERVISION

**STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST 1/8, 2/5, 3/12,
4/10, 5/8**

HELP ON A SCHOOL TOUR, Jan 16th

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.

African American Parent Advisory Council

BLACK MINDS MATTER

San Francisco Unified School District



DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

HABARI GANI A KWANZAA CELEBRATION

JOIN US AS WE HONOR OUR HERITAGE AND
EMBRACE THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF KWANZAA

«Meetings are open to all families of African-American/Black students. Allies are welcome
to join with respect to the meetings remaining an uncompromised safe affinity space»

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 19, 2023

5:30PM - 7:30PM

RASOTA HIGH SCHOOL
LITTLE THEATRE
555 PORTOLA DR

LISTEN * EDUCATE * ADVOCATE

Come and enjoy:

- African music and Dance Student Performance
- Storytelling and poetry
- A Feast of African-Caribbean Cuisine
- Candle lighting Ceremony



REGISTER AT [TINYURL.COM/AAPACMONTHLYMEETING](https://tinyurl.com/aapacmonthlymeeting)



Questions? Email AAPAC@SFUSD.EDU

Holiday Resources

Winter Break Programs

Las Luciernagas

Year-round
2095 Harrison St., SF 94110



YMCA (Citywide)

Year-round
Scan QR code to
find your nearest
club



Jamestown
Community Center

Year-round
2929 19th St. SF 94110



Family Connections
Centers

Year-round
Excelsior, Portola, & Visitacion
Valley



Scan QR Code for
information on K-8th
grade programs

Boys & Girls
Club (Citywide)

Year-round
Scan QR code to find your
nearest club



Wah Mei
Winter Camp

TK-5th Grade
1555 Irving St., SF 94122



For a comprehensive list of holiday resources, please reach out to rr@childrenscouncil.org

Hot Meals & Food Pantries

Mother Brown's
Dining Room 2111 Jennings St, SF 94124
Scan QR Code for hours



Mission Food Hub 701 Alabama St, SF 94110
Scan QR Code for hours



Booker T. Washington
Community Service Center 800 Presidio Ave, SF 94115
Pantry: Wed. 10am-12pm
Hot Meals: Fri. 3:30-6pm



St. Anthony's 121 Golden Gate Ave, SF 94102, 1st Floor
Scan QR Code for hours



La Raza Community
Resource Center 474 Valencia St, SF 94103
Available Wed. 1-5pm



Central Tenderloin
Neighborhood Pantry (TNDC) 210 Golden Gate Ave, SF 94102
Scan QR Code to register



Clothing & Toys

St. Anthony's "Giving
Thanks on Golden Gate" Free clothes and
holiday treats. Scan
QR code for details



Mission Neighborhood Health Center 240 Shotwell St,
Annual Children's Christmas Party SF 94110

Code Tenderloin Ice skating and toy giveaway.
"Joy to the City" Scan QR code for details



Safe & Sound's 3450 3rd St, SF 94124
Holiday Toy Store Dec 7, Dec 12, Dec 14

SF Firefighters 325 Newhall St, SF 94124
Annual Toy Drive Nov 30, 10am-4pm



Youth First's Holiday 801 Shields St, SF 94132
Extravaganza and Dec 13, 2-5pm, toy giveaway,
Celebration photos with Santa, bike raffle

One Warm Coat Drive Multiple locations. Scan the
QR Code for more details



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Food Resources During the Winter Break

Winter Break Notice: From Dec. 23 through Jan. 5, Student Nutrition Services will not be serving meals for any sites.

Please share with your school community the available food resources around the city during the break. Please remember, especially during the holidays, that nutrition and food access are vital for students and families.

Other Food Resources:

- Visit San Francisco Human Services Agency at sfhsa.org/services/food or call (415) 557-5000 for information on food services: CalFresh (FoodStamps), CalFresh for Immigrants, free food locations, groceries, and meals.
- Visit SF Service Guide, an online directory of human services in San Francisco, at sfserviceguide.org/food-resources/form for information on food resources.
- The San Francisco-Marin Food Bank is operating temporary Pop-up Pantries. Use the [Food Locator](#) to find sites near you. The time and location of Pop-up Pantries may change.
- Use Shop Simple with MyPlate for savings with CalFresh, budget-friendly recipes, and balanced eating tips. Visit myplate.gov/shopsimple.

You can find all of this information and more at sfusd.edu/foodresources.

Student Nutrition Services will resume all meal services on January 6, 2025. The January menu will be available soon at sfusd.edu/menus. Please note that for most sites, meals on the first day back to school are shelf-stable meals that meet our nutrition requirements, some examples include crackers, cheese, fresh fruit, or hummus, crackers, and fresh fruit, etc.



OTHER FOOD RESOURCES

Student Nutrition Services

Winter Break Resources for Students & Families Experiencing Homelessness

Winter Break 2024 (12/21/24 - 1/5/25) can be a difficult time for students and families experiencing homelessness and/or housing insecurity, especially those that access vital services and resources in schools. Below are some resources that can be shared with students and families while schools are closed:

- [SF/Marin Food Bank Finder](#)
- [211 Food Resources](#) (Type in "Emergency Food" or Hot Meals" in the search option)
- [SF Service Guide Food Resources](#)
- [St. Anthony's Hygiene Hub](#)
- [SAFEH Community Resources](#)
- [Navigating SF's Shelter System](#)
- [SF Family and Youth Access Points](#)
- [Project Homeless Connect \(PHC\) Available Services Guide](#)
- **SF Fire Department Holiday Resources** (contact: (415) 777-0440, press 3. Email: fountain.toyprogram@gmail.com)
 - [Free Toy Application](#) - Due Dec. 23rd
 - [Free Bike Application](#) - Due Dec. 23rd
- **Free Storage for Personal Belongings** (ex. Clothes, documents):
 - Homeless Storage Facility - 350 Jones St. (415) 291-1978
 - Bryant Homeless Storage Facility - 680 Bryant St. (415) 487-3300 x.4429
 - Providence Foundation of SF - 4601 Third St. (877) 206-9284

Hotlines:

- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 988
- The Safe & Sound TALK Line: (415) 441-KIDS (415-441-5437)
- Huckleberry Youth Programs/ Crisis Shelter Hotline: (415) 621-2929
- Trevor Project: (866) 488-7386
- Call 311 for additional food resources and public benefits available in San Francisco
- 24-hr Child Crisis: (415) 970-3800 only de-escalation and hospitalization (no welfare checks)

To learn more about SAFEH & view additional resources, visit:

https://linktr.ee/safeh_sfusd (English) or

https://linktr.ee/SAFEH_SFUSD_Spanish (Spanish)

Please reach out to [SAFEH](#) if you have any questions or requests for technical assistance.

San Francisco Public Library T(w)een Winter Read

[Learn more](#)

T(w)een Winter Read starts Dec. 1, 2024 and ends Jan. 10, 2025. For ages 10–18. Grab a paper activity log at any San Francisco Public Library location starting in December. Receive a free book of your choosing as a registration prize!

Record time you spend reading or participating at library programs on your activity log.

Receive a Museum of Craft and Design MakeArt kit or an additional free book when you complete 10 hours of participation. Completion prizes are available starting Dec. 15, while supplies last.

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FAMILY NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2024

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SFUSD Families:



With winter break fast approaching, this is a festive time when families gather, celebrate, and reflect on the past year. As we near the end of the fall semester, I want to thank you for your continued partnership in making our school communities thrive.

On the topic of celebrations, the first week of December

Districtwide Family Newsletters and Announcements

Family-School Communications

[Student Portal \(StudentVue\)](#) 

[Family Portal \(ParentVUE\)](#) 

[Family Newsletters and Announcements](#) 

[Family Email Newsletter Archive](#)

[District and School Notifications](#)

[I'm Not Receiving District Notifications](#)

[Translation and Interpretation Services for Families](#)

[About the SFUSD Website](#) 

Sign Up to Receive Emails

Get the latest news from SFUSD by signing up for one or both of our family emails! These will contain districtwide information relevant to families and students.

For school-specific news and information, contact your school principal or site leader.

▶ [Family Announcements Bulletin \(FAB\)](#)

▶ [Family Email Newsletter](#)

Submit to Family Newsletters

Employee Submissions to FAB

Employees can submit content via OASIS. Log in for more information.

Community Organizations

Submit a request to distribute information to SFUSD schools using this form.

Submit to the monthly Family Email Newsletter

Email newsline@sfusd.edu

NEWSLINE@SFUSD.EDU

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

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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IS VERY
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