APG Family Bulletin

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1/28/2025

Calendar of Events

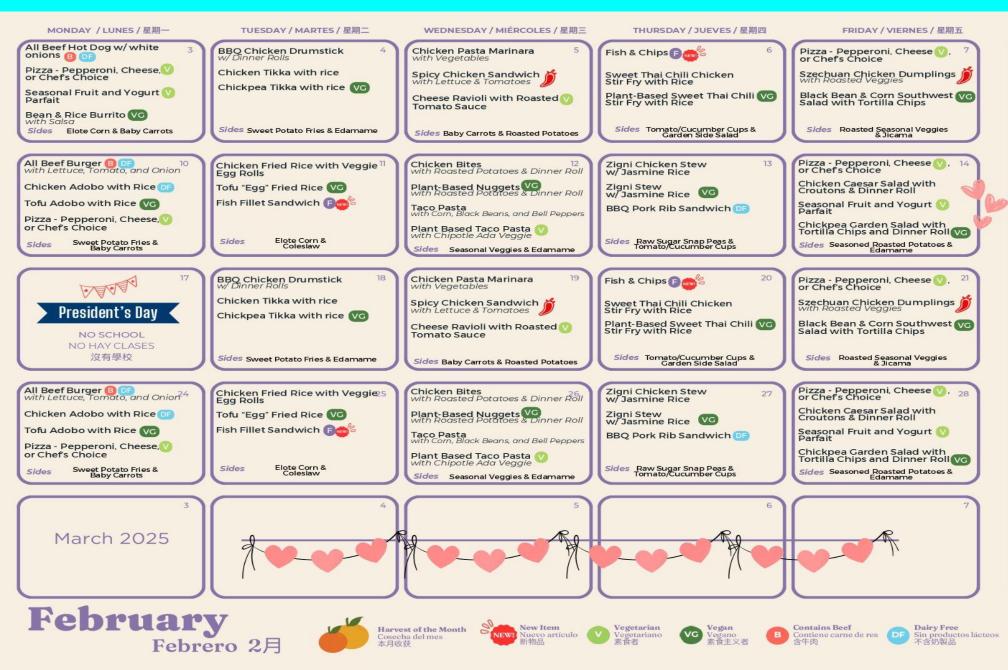
1/29 Lunar New Year Observance. No School (Wednesday)

- 1/31 DUE: SFUSD Applications for 2025-26 School Year (incoming 6G & outgoing 8G→High school);
 Girls Volleyball Game
- 2/2 Garden Workday, 12:30-3:30pm All are welcome, families and staff! <u>RSVP</u>
- 2/4 General PTSA Meeting, 6:30pm, <u>Zoom</u> All are welcome at our meetings!
- 2/5 Staff Appreciation Breakfast; <u>Please Donate FOOD or HELP</u> at the event
- 2/5 Lunar New Year Family Social, 5-6:30pm, APG Cafeteria <u>RSVP</u>
- 2/14 Valentine's Cake Pop Sale, Lunchtime; 'APG IS IN THE AIR' School Valentine's Day Dance, 4:30pm (Parent/caregiver volunteers Needed!)
- 2/17 Presidents' Day Holiday, No School
- 2/19 APG + Shake Shack Fundraiser
- Ongoing: Donate to APG PTSA to support our students!
- **Ongoing: Donate SNACKS to Wellness**
- Ongoing: Chicken Care during Holidays & Weekends

The SFUSD Academic Calendar for 2025-26 is NOW LIVE - CLICK HERE

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR Year of the Snake 2025 No School January 29

February Lunch Menu



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For school food updates, follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

@SFUSDSchoolFood

Find more information at sfusd.edu/schoolfood.





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JAG FUND UPDATE: LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING!

So far, we've raised <u>\$73,500 toward our \$125,000 goal</u>. A huge shoutout to everyone who has contributed to the <u>lag Fund</u> 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 <u>one-time gift or a</u> <u>monthly pledge</u>, 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 <u>PayPal</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, or by a Check (made to 'APG PTA'. [Learn more <u>here</u>.]

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



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tinyurl.com/APGdonate



DONATIONS FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER

Hello! We are asking for snack donations for our students!

We would appreciate any granola bars, string cheese sticks, apple sauce, etc.

Please make sure snacks are nut-free and not sugary!

DROP OFF IN THE MAIN OFFICE OR THE WELLNESS CENTER (RM 128)



If you have any questions: please contact Danielle (CHOW) at shimw@sfusd.edu

REMINDER from our Wellness Center!

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

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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.

Garden Workday at A.P. Giannini Sunday, February 2, 2024 | 12:30 to 3:30 PM <u>RSVP HERE</u>



Every first Sunday of the month, we invite you to join us for our Garden Workday! Bring your friends and family to help beautify our garden space. Paint signs, pick weeds, and hang out with the chickens!

Coffee and light snacks provided.

Next Dates: March 2, April 6, May 4

<u>Contact</u>

APG Garden Teacher, Ansel Schoonhoven | 707-980-4321 | aschoonhoven@bacr.org

APG General PTSA Meeting

Tuesday, February 4th 6:30-7:30pm Online via ZOOM

Everyone is welcome at our meetings! Join us for:

- Updates from the PTSA Board, including the Budget
- Principal's School News
- SFPUC Update on the APG Green Schoolyard Project
- Questions from you!

Be part of our supportive school community and attend the meeting. See you online at our meeting on the 4th!



February Staff Appreciation Breakfast Please Donate Food & Coffee!

We'd love FOOD & COFFEE donations for our Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Wednesday, February 5th!

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 Breakfast dates: Mar 12, Apr 10, May 8











APG STUDENT GOVERNMENT INVITES YOU TO ...

APG IS IN



AN APG VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

FREE FOOD - MUSIC - PRIZES

BUY TICKETS FOR \$3 @ LUNCH IN THE YARD FEBRUARY 7TH & 10TH-12TH

FRIDAY, 14 FEBUARY 2025 @4:30PM-6:30PM IN THE CAFE

Parent Volunteers Needed!

Tasks include:

- Set up (3-4:30pm)
- Coat check (4:30-6:30pm)
- Activity booth (4:30-6:30pm)
- Serve food (4:30-6:30pm)
- Clean up (6:30-7:30pm)

Please sign up here!

Get ready to celebrate your 8th grader!

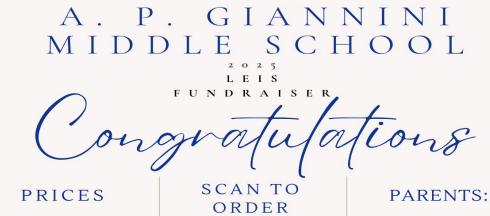
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Leis, Stoles & Yard Signs now available.

Use the QR Code or ORDER <u>HERE</u>

https://apgms-leis-fundraiser.square.site/

Sales benefit APG!



Our price start at \$12 for complete pricing and more style please scan our QR code



Order your student's leis through our fundraiser & help the PTSA raise funds for our students





CONTACT NKC LEIS FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

> n.k.c.leis@gmail.com Facebook: @nkcleis Instagram: @nkcleis (925) 306 2564



APG ATHLETICS

TRACK & FIELD

Track practice will begin 2/18 @ 4:00 on the Upper Yard

COME CHEER ON YOUR APG GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM!

Check the game schedule and support our student athletes:

Sirls 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 <u>APG Athletics Google Classroom</u>. 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 <u>instructions on using Home Campus</u>
- Follow this link for a <u>Home Campus walkthrough video</u>

<u>Student Athlete Pre-participation Physical Form</u> Requires doctor signature. Upload p. 4 to Home Campus account. <u>Parent Consent Form</u> If not checked off on Home Campus, one form must be submitted for each sport. <u>Athletes can only participate in tryouts once all forms are completed and submitted on Home Campus and they</u> <u>receive official clearance from us.</u>

Questions? Email Athletic Director, Mr. Alfaro, at alfaroii.c@sfusd.edu For more info about athletics, click <u>HERE</u> For an overview of Tryouts, please click <u>HERE</u>



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

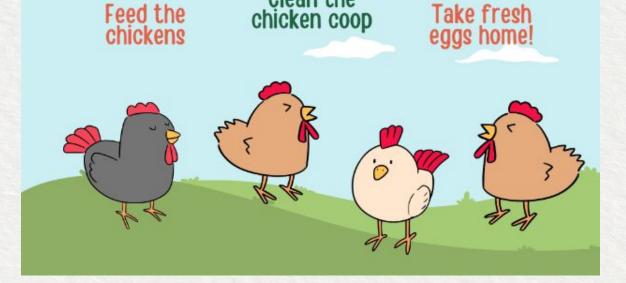
STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFASTS: 2/5, 3/12, 4/10, 5/8

CHICKEN CARE ON WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS



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We need YOU! Help out on weekends and holidays with the chickens!



A.P. Giannini Middle School

Chicken Care

Weekends and School Holidays

Clean the chicken coop

Take fresh

<u>Sign Up for Chicken Care Here</u>

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

Donate recycled materials for APG Garden Classes!

What You Can Donate:

- Clean takeout boxes
 - t rolls
 - Cardboard

• Paper towel

 Disposable boxes containers (small, with lids 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

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Garden Supervision, Lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays



Tasks include supervision with the possibility of supporting Teacher Ansel with Garden Club. <u>Sign up HERE</u>.

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

<u>Sign Up Here</u>

Please consider signing up for a day, or many days! More Volunteers needed for January

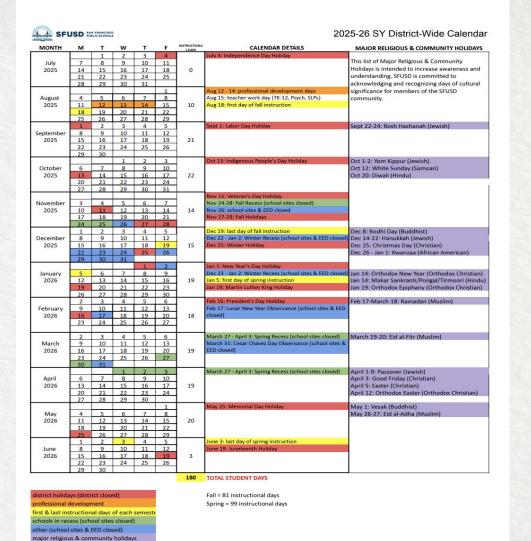
Sweatpants (Small / XXLarge) Donations for the Wellness Center Drop off in Main Office or Room 128



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 <u>zhengj1@sfusd.edu</u>.

<u>The SFUSD Academic Calendar for</u> 2025-26 is LIVE



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San Francisco State University 1600 Holloway Ave.



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10 AM - 5 PM





The Soul of SF State welcomes persons with disabilities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request If you would like reasonable accommodations for this event, please get in touch with Tachelle or Tachelle@sfsu.edu Designed By : A LIBER CHRISTOS

The Soul of SF State Black Family Day

The Soul of SF State Black Family Day is coming and we can't wait to see you there for a day filled with Black Love, Black Joy, & Black Brilliance! This event is a partnership with the African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC).

Date and time: Saturday, Feb. 1, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Malcolm X Plaza*, San Francisco State, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

Event Highlights Include:

College tours & student panels Engaging workshops for families & youth A Divine 9 stroll & fashion show Live Music from the 1Luv Band, Gospel Gators Choir, and DJ Superb on the 1's & 2's Free books, raffles, & outdoor activities

Reserve your spot now: tinyurl.com/blackfamilyday2025

Breakfast and lunch provided!

Bring your friends, family, and loved ones-this is a day you won't want to miss!

*Event will move indoors if it's raining.

If you have any questions or need accommodations, please reach out to Tachelle@sfsu.edu

All school-sponsored activities are open to anyone who wishes to participate to forward the mission or objective of the activity or group. SFUSD does not limit participation or affiliation based on race, ethnicity, gender, or any other protected class.

San Francisco Math Circle's Summer 2025 Math Camp

Registration is available for the San Francisco Math Circle's Summer 2025 Math Camp! The SF Math Circle is an extracurricular math enrichment program affiliated with San Francisco State University's Center for Science and Math Education. We support students from diverse backgrounds in becoming capable, confident problem solvers through exploration of engaging, hands-on puzzles and games that involve both creativity and critical thinking.

This summer, we're offering weeklong day camps (9 a.m.-3 p.m., with optional morning and afternoon extended care) at San Francisco State University for rising 3rd-6th grade students. These camps combine the best of Math Circle and summer camp: They offer campers an immersive experience centered on collaborative exploration of puzzles, games, and crafts. For more information (including dates, tuition, and financial aid opportunities) and to register, please visit our website: https://www.sfmathcircle.org/math-camp

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At San Francisco Math Circle, we make math **accessible**, **inclusive**, **and fun!**

This summer, we're offering **math day camps** at San Francisco State University for **rising 3rd-6th graders!**

We'll have four weeklong day camps to choose from:

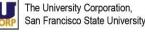
- June 23-27
- July 7-11
- July 21-25
- July 28-August 1

Camp will run from 9am-3pm each day, with optional extended care from 8-9am and 3-6pm.

The tuition for camp is **\$500.** (Payment plans and financial aid are available!)

For more info and to register, scan the QR code below:





Join the fun at the SF Math Circle's Summer 2025 Math Camp!

Engaging, hands-on puzzles and games!



A supportive, collaborative, fun environment!





Promoting positive attitudes towards math!



Creative exploration and problem solving!



A Youth Leadership Program is a dynamic six-week summer initiative designed for middle school students from diverse backgrounds. Through engaging exploration and fun activities, participants will embark on a transformative journey to become R.I.C.H leaders — embodying the core values of Respect, Integrity, Courage, and Health.

The program emphasizes personal growth, teamwork, and leadership skills, providing students with the tools to make a positive impact in their communities while fostering meaningful connections with peers.

Summer dates: June 17 - August 1, Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Contact: Sam Tran, stran@parksconservancy.org

Learn more and register here

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Give Kids a Smile Dental Health Fair 2025

We're excited to invite you to the Give Kids a Smile Dental Health Fair on **Saturday, March 1, 2025**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco! This free event provides children (up to age 17, accompanied by a legal caregiver) with over \$250 worth of dental services, including screenings, cleanings, fluoride treatment, and more.

Families can also enjoy fun activities like face painting, balloon art, and a petting zoo!

Date: March 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, 155 5th St, San Francisco, Calif., 94103

Learn more and RSVP

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FREE and open to the public! Saturday, March 1, 2025 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Free dental services worth more than $\langle 250 \rangle$ provided to each child!



Open to children up to age 17 (must be accompanied by a parent).

RSVP at pacific.edu/GKAS Ouestions? Call **415.929.6550**

or email pr@pacific.edu



EVENT LOCATION

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry 155 Fifth Street (at Minna) 2ND Floor Pediatric Clinic San Francisco, CA 94103

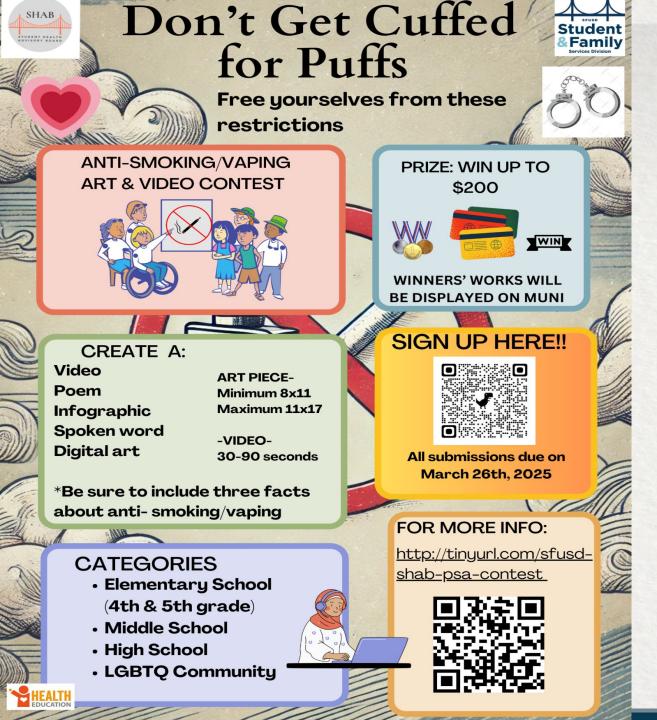
Located just 1.5 blocks from BART/MUNI Powell Station!











SFUSD Anti-Tobacco/Vaping Art and Video Contest

The SFUSD Student Health Advisory Board is introducing the 2025 PSA contest, <u>Don't Get Cuffed for Puffs</u>. SFUSD students get to create either a 30-90 second video or any form of art (spoken words, poetry, infographics) in a minimum of 8x11 and maximum 11x17 to help spread the awareness of tobacco and vaping prevention. Students can win up to \$200 in prizes for their original creations, and their work will be displayed on SF MUNI.

WHAT: <u>Anti-Tobacco/Vaping Art and Video Contest "Don't Get</u> <u>Cuffed for Puffs</u>."

WHO: 4th to 12th grade students in SFUSD Schools

WHEN: Now - March 25, 2025

WHY: Help educate your community on vaping usage and tobacco products in a fun and creative way.



SummerGATE Registration is Now Open...10% off for APG Families

SummerGATE will be at St. Gabriel School from June 16 - July 18th and Brandeis School from July 21st - August 8th, and are thrilled to offer a **10% off discount** to ALL A.P.G families. Interested families can <u>visit the website</u> to locate the discount code to be utilized during the checkout process. SummerGATE offers top notch STEM-based classes, including *Coding/App Building, Junior High Academics, 3D Printing, Fencing, Chess, Hip Hop Dance, Pottery and Artist Workshop, Cooking Club, Stop-Motion Animation, Photography, Theater Arts, Sports Clinics, Hiking, as well as their signature K-8 classes, ranging from <i>Wild Robot* to *Mad Scientist's Lab, Structural Engineering, Dragon Masters and more!* **Rising 8th graders can also sign up for a half day of classes and work as a Teaching Assistant for the other half of the day! Email:**

infosummergate@gmail.com Website: summergatesf.org

APG Attendance Office

New this School Year

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- Report your student for a <u>Full Day</u> absence in your <u>ParentVUE</u> 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 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)

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 <u>after 24 hours</u> 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 (<u>ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu</u>).

HANDBOOK: EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

4.1.4 Excused and Unexcused Absences

Student and Family Handbook

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Excused and Unexcused Absences

Chapter 1: Welcome	
Chapter 2: SFUSD's Com	mitment
Families and Students	

Chapter 3: Family Resources and

Chapter 4: Student Academic

4.1 Attendance Guidelines

Due to Illness

Be Absent

4.1.1 Importance of Attendance

4.1.2 Recommendations for

Temporary School Exclusion

4.1.3 What Parents/Caregivers

Should Do When a Student Will

4.1.4 Excused and Unexcused

Rights

Expectations

(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.

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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.
- 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.

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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.

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- 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 <u>familylink.sfusd.edu</u>.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT

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