## APG Family Bulletin

3/12/2025

## Calendar of Events

3/12	School Site Council Meeting, 3:45pm, Google Meet; See Slide 4 for more information
3/13 - 5/2	Track Team Meets <u>SCHEDULE</u>
3/13	SFUSD Budget Town Hall Meeting <u>INFO</u>
3/18	General PTSA Meeting, 6:30pm, via <b>ZOOM</b> - All are welcome!
3/19	APG + Chipotle Fundraiser, 5-9 pm @ 1523 Sloat Blvd - Use Code FA9FP7T or show <u>FLYER</u>
3/23	PTSA Nominations Due SIGN UP HERE
3/26	APG Drama, Spring Plays: Rotten Apples @ 6pm, Clue @ 7pm, APG Auditorium <u>Tickets!</u>
3/27	Spring Cake Pop Sale - bring \$4 and enjoy a sweet treat at lunch time!
3/28 - 4/4	Spring Break, No School on Friday 3/28 and All Week 3/31 - 4/4 <u>SFUSD CALENDAR</u>
3/31	LAST DAY to order 8th Grade graduation leis, stoles & yard signs ORDER HERE
4/13	Spring Family Social, 2-6pm @ Hellman Hollow in Golden Gate Park
4/18	Last day to order your 2025 Yearbook <u>CLICK HERE</u>
4/26	Sunset Art Festival + APG Open House, 10am - 2pm <u>VOLUNTEERS</u>

Ongoing: **Donate to APG PTSA** to support our students!

Ongoing: Chicken Care during Holidays & Weekends

Ongoing: SF Giants Baseball Games in April + May Fundraiser; code is 'APG'

Reminder: Please keep SICK students at home to rest and recover



## **DONATE HERE!**

## JAG FUND: WE NEED <u>YOUR</u> HELP TODAY!

We've raised \$89,000 toward our \$125,000 goal.

A huge shoutout to everyone who has contributed to our <a href="Iag Fund">Iag Fund</a> already - thank you!

We're making great progress, but we need YOUR HELP TO RAISE \$36,000 more in 2 months.

Your support brings to life amazing programs like outdoor science education, a thriving garden, family socials, classroom supplies, support for the Wellness Center, P.E. uniforms, 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 <a href="PayPal">PayPal</a> 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!

## SSC SPSA Meeting 3/12

Please join us for our School Site Council (SSC) meeting today!

- Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 3:45pm
- Google Meet Video call link: <u>HERE</u>

ALL APG families are welcome and encouraged to attend

### Agenda:

- 2025-26 School Site Budget Review
- Review Goals: Algebra/math goals (Data Review)

# slidesmania.com

## SEL/Culture-Climate Survey

Dear APG Parents/Caregivers,

SFUSD measures school quality by looking at the school's climate as well as the academic performance and social-emotional skills of the school's student body. By **March 12, 2025**, you are requested to participate in an online SEL/Culture-Climate Survey.

The family Culture-Climate survey is one important way to help us understand how families feel about our school and their child's learning, and how APG can improve. It is very important that we get as many of our families to respond as possible, so that we have data that truly represents the whole school and not just a few people. Everyone's voice is important! There are no right or wrong answers to any of these questions. We just want to know everyone's honest opinion. Results of the survey will be used to assess our programs and initiatives; all reports will be summarized using aggregate data, not individual student/family data.

Some key things to know about the family survey:

- The survey is voluntary and confidential;
- The survey is available online and is translated into Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Arabic and Samoan.

  To review/complete the survey questions, visit: <a href="http://bit.ly/2S3HdoJ">http://bit.ly/2S3HdoJ</a>
- This link will work on a computer or any mobile device.
- Please DO NOT tweet or post this link on other social media outlets as it is specific to our school.
- Parents with multiple children in this school should <u>fill out one survey for each child.</u> If you have children in another school, you should fill out a survey at that school as well.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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## PUC Project - Your Input is Needed!

As you've heard, SFUSD and SFPUC are partnering on a new **green** schoolyard project at AP Giannini Middle School.

The APG schoolyard will be redesigned with new landscape features that capture stormwater, add green space, and enhance student experience of the schoolyard. The project is currently in conceptual design phase and the project team would like your feedback!

### **Concept Design Feedback Link:**

https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/42beb80e63964ef8a0defd2 14f4cc126

Please click on the link or scan the QR code to view the draft concept plan for the schoolyard and provide your input.

For additional information on this project, including community engagement completed so far please visit the website at <a href="https://www.sfpuc.gov/apgiannini">www.sfpuc.gov/apgiannini</a>







All APG families + staff are encouraged to log onto this meeting!

## **SFUSD District Budget Stabilization Town Hall**

Thursday, March 13, 2025

6:00 - 7:00 pm

**Virtual Meeting Link, CLICK HERE** 

**SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS BEFORE THE MEETING HERE** 



## APG ATHLETICS

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

### **TRACK & FIELD**

### **APG Track & Field Schedule**

Track Meets begin 3/13 \*Track Uniforms and Shoes/Spikes have been distributed to students

### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM!**

Thank you to our Girls Volleyball student athletes, coaches, and families for a great season!

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: <u>ommj472</u>

### \*\*\* PAPERWORK THROUGH HOME CAMPUS \*\*\*

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

- Use this link to <u>create an account and complete paperwork</u>
- Use this link for <u>instructions on using Home Campus</u>
- 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 alfaroii.c@sfusd.edu

For more info about athletics, click HERE

For an overview of Tryouts, please click HERE

6:00pm Intermediate Drama Presents Rotten Apples

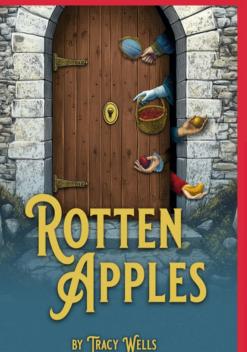
7:00pm Advanced Drama Presents Clue: On Stage

### Reserve tickets-HERE!

(Suggested donation \$6/adult; \$4/student)



A.P. GIANNINI DRAMA PRESENTS

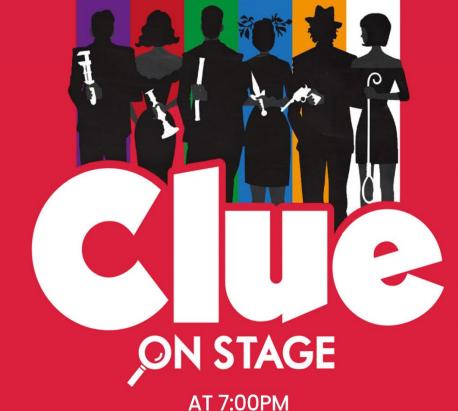


AT 6:00PM

**RESERVE TICKETS AT:** 



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH



A.P. GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL 3151 ORTEGA ST. We need YOU!

Help out on

weekends and
holidays with the
chickens!



## 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 every week

## APG General PTSA Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th

6:30-7:30pm

**Online via ZOOM** 

Everyone is welcome at our meetings! Join us for:

- Updates from the PTSA Board
- Principal's Update about our School Budget
- Questions from you!

Be engaged in our supportive school community and attend this meeting. See you online at our meeting on March 18th!



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR

## AP GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH | 5-9PM 1523 SLOAT BLVD, SAN FRANCISCO, CA, 94132

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE FA9FP7T OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

**Enjoy Chipotle** March 19th 5-9pm Support APG! (pick-up or in-store only)







# \* PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED \* APG OPEN HOUSE - GEAR SALES ON SAT., APRIL 26

We would like more parent volunteers to help with gear sales during our Open House event. Please sign up at this link. Thank you!

## A. P. GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL



Get Involved!

JOIN OUR

WONDERFUL APG

PTSA BOARD!

6th G Event Lead & VP Membership needed for 2025-2026

READ MORE HERE



## 2025-2026 APG PTSA Board Nomination Form

We invite you to nominate yourself or other PTSA members to join our fabulous 2025-2026 APG PTSA Board by March 23rd, 2025. The open positions are listed below. All positions have One-Year terms and range from 2 to 12 hours of commitment each month. See more here: <a href="https://bit.ly/2tI4qRj">https://bit.ly/2tI4qRj</a>. We'd like YOU to help and represent our community of 1,200 students, 120+ staff, and 1,150 families.

### A. P. GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL

2 0 2 5 LEIS

FUNDRAISER

#### PRICES

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

SCAN TO ORDER



### PARENTS:

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

Get ready to celebrate your 8th grader!

Leis, Stoles & **Yard Signs Order** Is Due 3/31.

> Use the **QR** Code or ORDER HERE

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

Sales benefit APG!





### **FUN DRAISER ALERT!**

Use <u>THIS LINK</u> to buy tickets to April or May Giants games and APG will receive \$5 per ticket!

Use this code: **APG** 

## **SAVE THE DATE**

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL BY JOINING THE GIANTS AT ORACLE PARK FOR ONE OF THE AVAILABLE FUNDRAISING GAMES.





USE CODE: APG

**OFFER INCLUDES MOST APRIL/MAY GAMES** 

\$5 OF EVERY TICKET SOLD GOES DIRECTLY
BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL!

A.P. Giannini Middle School
Open House

Sunset

# ART

## FESTIVAL

SATURDAY APRIL 26TH 2025 10AM - 2PM 3151 Ortega St, San Francisco, CA 94122

## SFUSD Paraeducator Hiring Event

### SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAEDUCATOR HIRING EVENT ON MARCH 19

San Francisco Unified School District is looking for people interested in supporting San Francisco's youth as Special Education Paraeducators! If you're responsible, passionate about working with youth, and looking for a job with a flexible schedule, we would love to have you on our team! Employment offers may be made on the spot for the 2025-2026 school year!

TO QUALIFY: Starting Base Salary: \$31.52/hr, full benefits offered!

High school diploma or equivalent AND passed District Instructional Aide Exam OR
High school diploma or equivalent AND passed CBEST OR
High school diploma or equivalent AND 48 college units (official transcripts required) OR
Associate's degree or higher

Wednesday, March 19th, 4pm-8pm

555 Franklin St, 1st Floor San Francisco, CA 94102

Come and join us and RSVP!

Reasons to be a Special Education Paraeducator

## Camp Read-A-Lot Science & Stories by the Campfire

The African American Parent Advisory Council and SFUSD are calling all campers, returning and new! Join the AAPAC for our annual literacy event, Camp Read-A-Lot! This year theme is Science & Stories by the Campfire. There will be FREE books, a special guest read-aloud, learning stations led by Black Scientists, and plenty of S'mores to share!

Date and time: Thursday, March 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Leola Havard Auditorium, 1520 Oakdale Ave., SF, 94124

Register:

https://form.jotform.com/aapac/aapac-monthly-meeting-registration

Contact: <u>AAPAC@sfusd.edu</u>

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.

**African American Parent Advisory Council** 

### BLACK MINDS MATTER

San Francisco Unified School District

Calling all Campers! Returning and New!

Join us for another session of

## CAMP READ-A-LOT Science & Stories By the Campfire

FREE books, learning stations, s'mores, and fun for all!

MARCH 20, 2025 5:30 - 7:30PM

## LEOLA HAVARD AUDITORIUM

1520 OAKDALE AVE

(Parking available on the corner of Lane & Oakdale)

**DINNER PROVIDED** 

Register in advance for this meeting tinyurl.com/AAPACMonthlyMeeting



\*AAPAC monthly 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\*

LISTEN \* EDUCATE \* ADVOCATE

Questions? Email AAPAC@sfusd.edu



Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco is introducing a

## Spring Break Basketball Camp!

This opportunity is open to both current members and the community! Any basketball players currently enrolled in 4th - 8th grade who want to participate are welcome!

Basketball Spring Break Camp will take place from Monday March 31 - Friday, April 4th, led by experienced basketball instructors. Club locations and times below:

Cost: \$175 to attend either of these weeklong half day Camps!

Sign up today at <a href="www.kidsclub.org/register">www.kidsclub.org/register</a> Questions? Contact Jake Babick, Citywide Director of Sports Fitness and Play, at jbabick@kidsclub.org

Members: Please contact your Clubhouse Director or Site Director for any special consideration.

Club Location	Time	
Don Fisher Clubhouse 380 Fulton Street San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 221 - 6100	9:00 am - 12:15 pm	
Excelsior Clubhouse 163 London Street San Francisco, CA 94112 (415) 334-2582	1:45 pm - 5:00 pm	

Register here!





## SF All-Stars Basketball Camp at Boys & Girls Club of San Francisco

Advance your child's athletic journey with SF All-Stars Camp! The SF All-Stars Basketball Camp at Boys & Girls Club of San Francisco provides youth grades 4th - 8th the opportunity to develop basketball skills with experienced Bay Area coaches. Players will gain a deeper understanding of the game, improved ball handling and shooting skills as well as enhanced character development — making them all-stars on and off the court.

Dates: March 31 - April 4

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Sign up today!



Win \$500 in scholarships!



THEME:

A Future Worth Saving For

START DATE:

Monday, February 24, 2025

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** 

Monday, March 24, 2025 at 5:00 PM

### Follow Us!









\*See next pages for contest rules\*



## Kindergarten to College's 2025 Art & Video Contest

K2C's 2025 Art & Video Contests with the theme, "A Future Worth Saving For" is here! Current Kindergarten to 12th grade SFUSD and district affiliated charter school students with an active K2C account can win a \$500 scholarship.

**Contact**: JP Davis, Community Engagement Coordinator at jp.davis@sfgov.org

Submission Deadline: Monday, March 24 at 5 p.m.

### **Learn More**

### Contest Captions

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## San Francisco Arts Education Project

## **LEARN MORE - CLICK HERE**

The San Francisco Arts Education Project launches the 30th anniversary of its arts summer camp, SFArtsED Summer. Three sessions (each two weeks) arranged by age and interest. For ages 6-9 there is Exploration, which offers singing, dancing, painting, drawing, drumming and more. A full day of varied arts experiences. Older students, ages 9-14, can choose from Broadway Bound Musical Theater camp, Art & Design camp or Fashion Design camp. Each session ends with a performance or exhibition for family and friends. Location for all camps is The Jewish Community High School of the Bay.

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## NOW is the best time to make sure our eligible students can receive a \$120 SUN Bucks card in the Summer of 2025!

It is never too late to submit the 2024-2025 SFUSD Multipurpose Family Income Form (MFIF) online at SchoolCafe.com. Submitting the MFIF will help families ensure their eligibility is documented so they can receive SunBucks. Eligible families must also ensure that their mailing address in Synergy is up to date so their card gets to them.

### Timeline: Eligibility for SunBucks 2025 goes through August 31, 2025.

- To receive SunBucks by June 2025, please <u>submit a MFIF</u> to confirm eligibility by March 31, 2025.
- If a family submits for eligibility after March 31, 2025, they can still receive SunBucks, however it will arrive AFTER June, 2025.
- This information can be found on the California Department of Education website, in the "Application" tab.

If a family's eligibility has been established Free or Reduced between July 1, 2024 and now, either via Direct Certification or the MFIF, they do not need to re-submit anything. If a family has not yet established their eligibility, they need to submit their MFIF at **SchoolCafe.com**. Parents/Guardians are sent student school benefits eligibility letter to the email address on file with SFUSD, they can search their inbox for SFUSD Direct Certification or SFUSD MFIF Results, and learn their results. To access the letter they should create an account in schoolcafe.com, which stores the letters for future use, see this **helpful guide**.

**Helpful Information Considering the Current Climate:** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) do NOT consider health, food, and housing services as part of the public charge determination. This means many government funded benefits and services are safe to use. SUN Bucks is a food benefit like Pandemic EBT and CalFresh. Using these government funded benefits will NOT hurt your immigration status.

The public charge rule does NOT apply to every immigrant. Getting government funded benefits alone does NOT make you a public charge. Government funded benefits received by your children and family members do NOT make you a public charge. If you have questions about your immigration status and this food benefit, more information about public charge is available at <a href="https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/refugees/public-charge">www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/refugees/public-charge</a>.



## **CYC Strengthening Families Program**

### **Strengthening Family Program (SFP)**

#### Incentives:

- A total of 300\$ gift card per family (150 for youth and 150 for parent/adult) upon completion
- 2. Dinner will be served at every session!

#### **Time & Location**

In person at our new CYC Richmond Hub 980 Clement St, SF CA, 94118

6:00pm to 8:00pm March 7th, 2025 -June 27th (Every Friday)

### **Requirements:**

- 1. Youth (12-16) and an adult must both be in attendance
- 2. Parent/Adult must understand
  Cantonese
- 3. Committed to attending the full 14 sessions. (once a week)

Session #	(14 sessions, 14 weeks)	Weekday
1	March 7, 2025	Fri
GALA WEEK	March 14, 2025 NO CLASS	
2	March 21,2025	Fri
BREAK WEEK	March 28, 2025 NO CLASS	
BREAK WEEK	April 4, 2025 NO CLASS	
3	April 11, 2025	Fri
4	April 18, 2025	Fri
5	April 25, 2025	Fri
6	May 2, 2025	Fri
7	May 9, 2025	Fri
8	May 16, 2025	Fri
9	May 23, 2025	Fri
10	May 30, 2025	Fri
11	June 6, 2025	Fri
12	June 13, 2025	Fri
13	June 20, 2025	Fri
14	June 27, 2025	Fri





Enrollment Form

Please text, e-mail, or call Kevin if any questions: kevint@cycsf.org

(510) - 592-8840 (text is preferred))

### 家庭自强班 (SFP)

家長和青少年會討論不同問題 例如: 溝通方式,愛情和與親友的關係,藥物濫用等等

#### 遊勵:

- 1. 每個完成課程的家庭禮品卡總額為 \$300 元 (\$150青少年和\$150家長/成人)
- 2. 每次聚會有晚餐供應!

### 時間及地點

請親臨我們的新落成的CYC 列治文社區中心:

980 Clement St, SF CA, 94118

下午 6:00 至 8:00 2025年3月7日-6月27日

#### 星期五

### 要求

- 1. 青少年(12-16 歲)和成人必須同時出席。
- 2. 家長/成人必須理解廣東話。
- 3. 承諾參加所有共14次聚會。(每週一次)

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12	June 13, 2025	Fri	
13	June 20, 2025	Fri	
14	June 27, 2025	Fri	





申請連結

如有任何疑問, 請發送短訊、電郵或致電Kevin: kevint@cycsf.org (510) - 592-8840(短訊較佳)

A family skills training program dedicated to supporting Cantonese-speaking parents and their children with relationship building. This program meets once a week for 14 weeks.





## located at india basin waterfront park 900 innes ave, san francisco

applications accepted from 9th and 10th graders only apply rockingtheboat.org/join-sf questions sf@rockingtheboat.org





youth development through wooden boatbuilding, environmental science, and sailing rockingtheboat.org/sf





### learn to build a boat for free!

Rocking the Boat is inviting 9th and 10th graders to join a FREE year-long program to build a wooden boat from start to finish at India Basin Waterfront Park in Bayview-Hunters Point!

- Gain carpentry experience
- Connect with resources for school and career success
- Weekend trips every semester

session 1: march 3 - may 29, 2025 afterschool 2 days a week, 4:30 to 7:30pm

session 2: june 30 - august 14, 2025 full day, monday through thursday

session 3: september 15 - december 11, 2025 afterschool 2 days a week

#### APPROVED

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## APG Attendance Office

### **New this School Year**

- 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)

## 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 <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 (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 13)

### 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 guarantine 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.
  - 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.

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.

