**CALIFORNIA ATTENDANCE LAWS**

[**https://oag.ca.gov/truancy/2013/ch6**](https://oag.ca.gov/truancy/2013/ch6)

1. In California, every child between the ages of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is required to attend public school full-time,118 unless subject to an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.119 Every parent of a child ages 6-18 is legally mandated to ensure that his/her child attends school.

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| FIRST AND SECOND UNEXCUSED ABSENCE OR TARDY |
| THIRD UNEXCUSED ABSENCE OR TARDY |
| FOURTH UNEXCUSED ABSENCE OR TARDY |
| FIFTH UNEXCUSED ABSENCE OR TARDY |
| HABITUALLY TRUANT | CHRONICALLY TRUANT |

The laws governing truancy also vary significantly from state to state.1 California’s truancy laws are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not penal, in nature.125 Our legislative scheme is geared toward returning the absent student to school, rather than toward punishment or criminal sanctions for children or their parents.126

Individual schools are required under the law to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who meets the standard for a “truant” to the district attendance supervisor or the district superintendent.127 Once a student is deemed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,128 the school district must immediately notify the student’s guardian that the student is truant. These early notification requirements are designed to raise the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as soon as possible and help get the student back into the classroom.

What goes in a T1 letter?

What is SARB? What do they do?

What are the legal consequences of habitual truancy? Chronic truancy?

Can parents be punished for their child’s truancies? How?

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| How do you think Lawndale can improve attendance and cut down on overall absences, truancies, and tardies? |