

WESTMORLAND UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board Policy No. 5008:     TRUANCY**

- A.    The Superintendent or designee shall gather the information necessary to comply with Education Code section 48273 relating to truants. This administrator shall gather and transmit to the County Superintendent of Schools the number of referrals and types of referrals made to the County school attendance review board and the number of requests for petitions made to the juvenile court pursuant to Education Code Section 48263.
  
- B.    Any pupil subject to compulsory education who is absent without valid excuse three full days in one school year or tardy or absent for more than any thirty-minute period during the schoolday without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof, shall be classified as a truant and shall be reported to the Superintendent or other designee of the Superintendent.
  
- C.    Any pupil who has once been reported as a truant and who is again absent from school without valid excuse one or more days, or tardy on one or more days, shall again be reported as a truant to the Superintendent or other designee of the Superintendent.
  
- D.    Any pupil is deemed an habitual truant who has been reported as a truant three or more times per school year, but no pupil shall be deemed an habitual truant unless the Superintendent or other designee of the Superintendent has made a conscientious effort to hold at least one conference with the parent/guardian of the pupil and the pupil after the notification of truancy pursuant to either paragraphs B or C above.
  
- E.    The Superintendent or other designee of the Superintendent shall establish a procedure whereby parents/guardians receive written notices if pupils under their control are truant. Such notice shall conform with the requirements in Education Code section 48260.5 and contain the following:
  - 1.     That the pupil is truant;
  
  - 2.     That the parent or guardian is obligated to compel the attendance of the pupil at school;
  
  - 3.     That parents or guardians who fail to meet this obligation may be guilty of an infraction and subject to prosecution;
  
  - 4.     That alternative educational programs may be available in the District;
  
  - 5.     That the parent or guardian has the right to meet with appropriate school personnel to discuss solutions to the pupil's truancy;

6. That the pupil may be subject to prosecution under Education Code section 48265; and
7. That it is recommended that the parent or guardian accompany the pupil to school and attend classes with the pupil for one day.

Legal Reference:

Education Code sections 48260-48273

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