

Thanksgiving!



Attendance News

CLAREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



If your holiday festivities will be taking place away from home this year, or continuing past the four-day weekend, please take along an Independent Study Contract. After all, what could be better than family, friends, food, fun, and an Independent Study Contract?

What's the big deal about attendance?



The reasons attendance is important are many and varied. Let's look.

Academically

High levels of attendance boost academic performance. Students keep current in their classroom, demonstrate a commitment to their own education, and learn great things!

Legally

The Compulsory Education Law requires all children between the ages of 6 and 18 (unless exempt) to attend school on a consistent and regular basis. It is the parents' responsibility to make sure their children are in school. It's the law.

Financially

Revenue for California schools is generated by student attendance. Funding used to be generated by enrollment. Not so now. We receive state funds ONLY when a student is PRESENT in the classroom. A student in attendance for any part of the day generates revenue. Coming to school for even a portion of the day is better than not coming at all.

Mathematically

One student missing one day of school amounts to approximately \$40.00 of lost revenue. CUSD's enrollment is 6,963. If each student misses one day of school ... well ... do the math!

Contracts are awesome! They are a wonderful way for students to earn academic credit, maintain attendance standards, and keep current in the classroom. Also, funding that would otherwise be lost is recovered. School is certainly the best place to be, but missing school doesn't have to mean missing out.

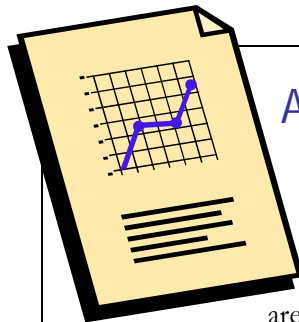
Check with your attendance clerk, office manager, teacher or counselor about a contract. And keep in mind ... Independent Study Contracts are not just for travel. Students who are absent for any reason, any time of year (5 consecutive days or more) may benefit from a Contract.

Did you know? California is the only one of our 50 states whose schools are funded by attendance rather than enrollment. Unlike other states, revenue is no longer generated by an "excused" absence. One of the few ways to receive attendance credit while not actually being present in the classroom is the use of ... you guessed it ... an Independent Study Contract!

From the S.B.County District Attorney:

“Parents, your job is to make sure your kids get to school and stay there.

Give your kids the best gift you can – a good education. It lasts a lifetime!”



Attendance on the Rise in Claremont!

Claremont students are improving their attendance rate. This September shows an increase of .19 percent over last year's first month of school.

More attendance means more learning, more success, and more responsible students. Keep up the good work!



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Attendance inquiries may be directed to your school site or to Jean Barr/CUSD Business Office 398-0609 ext. 70403