

Tips for Parents to Improve School Attendance:

- Make your child's education a priority.
- Do not allow your child to stay home from school.
- Know and follow the school district's attendance policy.
- Do not enable your child by encouraging or endorsing unexcused absences.
- If your child refuses to go to school, call and ask for help from school staff and/or Davis Police Department.
- Be an advocate for your child.
- Offer praise to your child for school tasks well done.
- Assist your child with homework.
- Get involved in your child's education.
- If your child has a chronic medical condition, be sure to communicate with the school nurse.
- Excessive excused absence notification is flagged at 70+ excused period absences. Parents may be required to meet with the school nurse and/or school may require a doctor's note to excuse any further absences.

Davis Joint Unified School District
Student Support Services
526 B Street
Davis, CA 95616
530-757-5300

Davis Police Department
Youth Services
2600 Fifth Street
Davis, CA 95618
530-747-5432

Truancy Prevention

Parent and Student Guide to Improve School Attendance



Absence Procedures:

Parents are required to notify the school when their child is absent and inform the school of the reason for the absence within 48 hours by telephone or note. It is preferred to have a written note from the parent or guardian for each excused absence.

Absences will remain unexcused/unverified after 48 hours without a note or call from parent and may not be excused.

Resources

Davis Senior High School	530-757-5400
DaVinci High School	530-757-7154
King High School	530-757-5425
Emerson Jr. High	530-757-5430
Harper Jr. High	530-757-5330
Holmes Jr. High	530-757-5445
Yolo County Mental Health	530-666-8516
Davis Police Department	530-747-5432
Child Protective Services	530-669-2345

TRUANCY

If a student has 21+ unexcused period absences, an initial letter declaring the student truant will be sent home. A truancy conference will be scheduled and/or additional school interventions will be implemented. (Level 1)

If a student has 28+ unexcused period absences, a second letter declaring the student truant will be sent home, a truancy conference will be scheduled and/or additional school interventions will be implemented. (Level 2)

If a student has 35+ unexcused period absences, a third letter declaring the student habitually truant will be sent home which will generate a police department response. At this point, referrals and resources may be made to assist the student with re-engaging in school. (Level 3)

INTERVENTION

When a student is deemed a habitual truant, the student may be included in a truancy outreach intervention and offered resources. The student may also be referred to the Academic Center for 8 hours, as per Ed Code to receive academic support. The student and parent may also be referred to a District Attorney Mediation held at Davis PD if truancy continues.

TRUANCY PENALTIES

Students

- May face criminal prosecution for failing to attend school.
- May be ordered up to 40 hours of community service by the court.
- May be ordered to pay fines and court fees.
- May experience loss, delay or suspension of driver's license.
- These penalties may be compounded should student fail to correct attendance.

Parents

- May face criminal prosecution for allowing your child to disobey Compulsatory Attendance Laws. (272 PC)
- Parents may be fined \$100 on first conviction
- Parents may be fined \$250 on second conviction.
- Parents may be fined \$500 and ordered to attend parenting classes.