



Clarification on attendance for schools

General Talking Points on Attendance.

1. Strike absences are unexcused.
2. Absences during the strike will not impact graduation.
3. Absences during the strike will not affect individual school's perfect attendance recognition.
4. Parents should follow normal absence procedures and send a note when they return.
5. Principals will work with students and families on attendance. Schools will use a great level of sensitivity when considering these absences.

| Question | Answer |
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| 1. Are absences due to the strike excused or unexcused absences? | <p>A. Absences due to the strike are unexcused. While state law does not excuse absences in case of a strike and students are expected to attend class, principals will work with students and families on attendance.</p> <p>Parents should follow the normal absence procedures and send a note when students return to school.</p> |
| 2. How should schools mark absences? | <p>A. Schools may excuse absences during the strike using Reason Code 5 (Excused by Administrator Approval – Justifiable Personal Reasons Absence as approved by Principal Form F REF-5464.7 (Forms must be maintained for audits)</p> <p>If parents send a note explaining they had kept their child home due to circumstances related to “the strike” (an exigent circumstance) or for any reason including safety, etc., principals may code it as Reason Code 5 Principal Approval, and sign the actual note. (Notes must be maintained for audits)</p> <p>If students/parents do not bring a note or parents do not call, students should be coded as Reason Code 0 (No note/No Explanation) which count as unexcused.</p> |
| 3. Will absences during the strike impact truancy? | <p>A. Schools will monitor student attendance and provide support to students on an individual basis.</p> <p>Students will not receive truancy notifications for absences during this time. Absences during the strike will not count towards truancy.</p> |
| 4. Will absences during the strike impact graduation? | <p>A. No. An attendance requirement to graduate is not part of Los Angeles Unified's policy, and student absences during the strike will not impact graduation and should not impact graduation activities.</p> |
| 5. Will absences during the strike impact perfect attendance incentives/recognitions? | <p>A. No. Absences during the strike should not impact individual school's perfect attendance incentives/recognitions or band determination (Chronic, Basic, Excellent).</p> <p>LAUSD does not have a District-wide perfect attendance policy, but absences during this time should not impact individual school's perfect attendance.</p> |
| 6. Will absences during the strike impact permits? | <p>A. No. Absences should not impact intra-district or inter-district permits.</p> |
| 7. Will absences during the strike impact magnet enrollment? | <p>A. No. Absences should not impact magnet enrollment.</p> |

How to Encourage Student Attendance After the Strike

- Promote your school as a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment; Leverage the “Moving Forward Together” resources
- Resume normal day-to-day activities as soon as possible
- Monitor attendance data daily
- Call home for students who have not returned since the end of the strike
- Provide personalized outreach to students who may need support

**For additional questions, please contact
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