

Fresno Unified Board Policy (BP) 5112.3 Student Leave of Absence

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of regular school attendance in promoting student achievement. However, the Board also recognizes that, in rare circumstances, it may be beneficial for a student to participate in opportunities outside the school which contribute to their educational experience.

The Superintendent or designee may grant student leaves of absence for the purpose of supervised travel, study, training, or work not available to the student under another educational option. Such leave may be granted to a student 15 years of age or older in the regular program and to a student age 16-18 in the continuation education program. (Education Code 48232, 48416)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

No more than one percent of the students enrolled and attending a school shall be granted a leave of absence during any school year. (Education Code 48232, 48416)

When feasible, students shall be encouraged to instead enroll in the district's independent study program to allow for greater contact and coordination with district staff.

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

Fresno Unified School District prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, ancestry, age, creed, religion, political affiliation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, mental or physical disability, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, medical information, military veteran status, or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics or any other basis protected by law or regulation, in its educational program(s) or employment.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48232 Leave of absence for students age 15 at time of commencement of leave

48410 Exemption from continuation education

48416 Leave of absence for students age 16 to 18 inclusive

FAMILY CODE

7000-7002 Emancipation of minors law

7050 Purposes for which emancipated minor considered an adult

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