

STUDENT LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Upon request, the Yolo County Office of Education may grant student leaves of absence in accordance with law 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 between the ages of 16 and 18 in the continuation program.

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)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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

48416 Leave of absence for students aged 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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The Yolo County Office of Education may grant a leave of absence to a student on request, under the following conditions:

1. The student will be 15 years of age at the start of the leave of absence and the leave requested is for one semester.

Continuation students between the ages of 16 and 18 inclusive may request leave for up to two semesters.

2. A written agreement shall be made and signed by the student, the parent/guardian, the site administrator or designee of the school the student would otherwise attend, a classroom teacher familiar with the student's academic progress and chosen by the student, and the County Office supervisor of child welfare and attendance. This agreement shall provide for:

- a. The purpose of the leave
- b. The length of the leave
- c. A meeting or contact between the student and a designated school official at least once a month while the student is on the leave
- d. A statement explaining and justifying the purpose of the leave

The parent/guardian's signature and approval shall not be required for an emancipated minor.

3. The student shall be permitted to return to school at any time and shall not be prevented from completing his/her academic requirements within a time period equal to that of classmates who did not take leave, plus the length of time spent on leave. If the student reenrolls at a time other than the beginning of a semester, the school shall not be required to provide make-up sessions for classes missed.
4. The leave may be extended for an additional semester if approved by all parties to the agreement and the local school attendance review board.
5. No leave of absence may extend beyond the end of the school year in which the leave is taken.
6. If the student does not contact the designated school official as required by the agreement, the leave shall be nullified. Any party to the agreement may nullify the agreement for cause at any time.