

Chino Valley Unified School District
Hidden Trails Elementary School



ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY

Under California Law, more than three days of unexcused absences in a school year is defined as truancy. In addition, 10 excused absences or 10% of the school year will be considered excessive absences. Further, more than three tardies of thirty minutes or more in a school year is defined as truancy. As a parent, you are liable for the prosecution of your child's truancy pursuant to the Education Code and the Penal Code. The penalty could be up to one year in the county jail and/or a fine of \$2,500. If your child's attendance becomes a constant problem the parent/guardian may be brought to the court for prosecution.

It is the parents' duty to provide for their child's education in the same way that a parent provides food, clothing, and shelter. If your child's attendance becomes a problem or is in violation of the Education Code and Penal Code, the District Attorney's office may have no choice but to file charges against you. Please ensure 100% attendance is attained so that resources can be used to enrich your child's learning opportunities. In order to make certain that children have the necessary skills for success as an adult, school attendance is necessary, and the California law requires children to attend school.

ILLNESS EXCLUSION GUIDELINES

Many times, parents ask the question, "Is my child well enough to go to school?" or staff needs to determine if a child is well enough to stay in school. The Chino Valley Unified School District will follow the guidelines set by the *American Academy of Pediatrics* and the *US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* in deciding which illness or conditions require temporary exclusion from school.

Temporary exclusion is recommended when:

1. The child has a fever with temperature above 100 degrees orally or above 99 degrees axillary (i.e. under the arm). The child should stay home until the temperature is normal for 24 hours, without taking a fever reducing medication (i.e. Tylenol, Ibuprofen, etc.), a normal temperature is below 99 degrees orally.
2. The child has vomited or had diarrhea. The child should stay home for 24 hours after the last episode.
3. The child has a rash with fever or behavioral changes. The child should be examined by a physician.
4. The whites of the child's eyes are pink or red and there is white or yellow eye mucus drainage present. The child may also have matted eyelids after sleep and eye pain, or redness of the eyelids or skin around the eye. These are signs of a bacterial infection (i.e. Pinkeye) and the child should not return to school until they have been on medication for 24 hours.

Temporary exclusion is recommended when (*Cont.*)

5. The child has been diagnosed with Impetigo, until 24 hours after treatment has been started.
6. The child has been diagnosed with Strep throat, until 24 hours after treatment has been started.
7. The Chino Valley Unified School District has a NO NIT policy, and the child will not be allowed back in school until Lice treatment has been applied and all the nits have been removed.
8. The child has been diagnosed with Scabies, until after treatment has been given.
9. The child has been diagnosed with Chickenpox, until all lesions have dried or crusted. The illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities as determined by the staff.

For compliance with compulsory attendance laws, there are only five valid excuses for being absent (or tardy) from school:

- 1) Illness (of the student)
- 2) Quarantine directed by a county or city health officer
- 3) Having a medical, dental, or optometric services rendered.

- 4) Attending funeral services of a member of the student’s immediate family to the extent of not more than one day if the service is conducted in California, and not more than three days if the service is conducted outside of California.
- 5) Religious holidays

Immunizations

California State Law requires that any pupil entering school or an early childhood program in this state, shall prior to admission, be required to present to school authorities’ certification from a licensed physician that the child has received or is in the process of receiving adequate immunizations. This affects students who move into the district, as well as all incoming kindergartners. Therefore, please remember that all kindergarten students must have their immunization forms completed and turned in to the teacher on the first day of school. The *American Academy of Pediatrics* (AAP) and the *Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices* (ACIP) recommend that adolescents aged 11-18 years receive a single dose of Tdap* for booster immunization against tetanus, diphtheria, and Pertussis. The preferred age for a Tdap* booster shot is 11-12 years and is **REQUIRED** prior to entering the 7th grade.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

Student drop-off time is between 7:40 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. Breakfast is between 7:10 and 7:40. There is no student supervision on the Hidden Trails campus before 7:40 a.m. unless they are here for breakfast. Parents will be called and asked to return to campus if their child was dropped-off and left unsupervised. Additionally, student pick up time is at 2:30 p.m. If you are unable to pick up your student at the dismissal time, you must provide alternative arrangements. You now have access to update your Emergency Contacts using the Aeries Parent Portal to add who may pick up your child including after school programs. Please remember that your child will **ONLY** be released into the care of those persons listed on the contact list.



I, the parent of _____, have read and understand the above illness
Student Name
 and truancy notification and the pick-up and drop-off notification. I also understand it is the **PARENT’S RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE FRONT OFFICE OR SEND A NOTE WHEN MY CHILD IS ABSENT**. If no parent contact has been made within 5 days of the absence, it will be documented as an unexcused absence and will contribute to my child being truant.

 Parent Signature

 Date