

ATTENDANCE

Students are required by California law to attend school regularly and promptly. An accurate attendance record of all absences is kept for each student. **MULTIPLE UNEXCUSED ABSENCES AND/OR TARDIES VIOLATE STATE LAW AND CAN BE CATEGORIZED AS TRUANCIES. Students must meet with their teacher on agreed appointments according to the Master Agreement signed at enrollment; failure to attend your meetings will result in dismissal from Independence Charter Academy.**

By enrolling in Independence Charter Academy, the student agrees to:

- Be supervised by his/her Supervising Teacher and/or other approved resource personnel;
- Meet with assigned teachers for all classes. The frequency, date, time, and location will be determined by the course contract or equivalent. The student agrees that it is his/her responsibility to promptly reschedule any appointment missed due to an emergency, and he/she understands that failure to report to a class and/or failure to complete the assignments will result in review of continuation in Independent Study;
- Obtain transportation to scheduled meetings. He/she understands that lack of transportation to the school site is not an acceptable reason for failing to meet with his/her teacher and/or supervisor to submit his/her completed assignments;
- Complete his/her assigned work and achieve at least the minimum performance requirements of the course of student. He/she understands that passing, which is based on mastery of learning, can only occur after he/she has successfully completed an activity and it has been evaluated.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of I.C.A. students understand that:

- Individual course objectives are consistent with and evaluated in the same manner that they would be if he or she were enrolled in a traditional school program;
- They are liable for the cost of replacement or repair for lost or willfully damaged or destroyed books and other school property checked out to their son or daughter;
- They are responsible for the supervision of their son or daughter while he or she is completing the assigned work and/or submitting all completed assignments necessary for evaluation;
- All completed assignments must be submitted to the appropriate teachers before deadline assigned. If the assignments have not been handed in by that date, no credit will be given;
- They have the right to appeal to the program administrator any decision about their son's or daughter's placement or school program according to Helendale School District's procedures.
- Under Title I, parents have the right to ask for teacher qualifications and obligations of school designated for program improvement.

STATE LAW REGARDING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Education Code 48260 defines truant as “any pupil subject to compulsory full-time education who is absent from school without valid excuse three full days in one school year or tardy or absent for more than a (thirty) 30-minute period during the school day without valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof.” Education Code 48263 further states, “If any minor pupil is habitually truant, or in irregular in attendance at school, the pupil may be referred to a school attendance review board (SARB).”

SARB PROCESS – EDUCATION CODE SECTION 48260

- Three (3) unexcused absences or tardies more than 30 minutes and/or 10 absences excused or unexcused = Truant, first SARB letter is mailed home.
- Continued absences or even 1 more unexcused absence or tardy more than 30 minutes = Second SARB letter is mailed home and a meeting with the Administrator is scheduled for the student and parent/guardian.
- Continued absences or even 1 more unexcused absence or tardy more than 30 minutes = Third SARB letter is mailed home, classified as habitual and subject to summons to appear at SARB hearing and a possible fine.

PENALTIES – Education Code Section 48293

SARB Hearing The School Attendance Review Board (SARB) will ask the parent and the student to sign an attendance contract. Failure to comply with the contract will result in the order of a citation to appear in court.

Conviction	A fine of not more than \$500 plus penalties could amount to as much as \$1600 Conviction and Criminal Prosecution.13202.7 V.C. Any minor under the age of 18 years, but 13 years of age or older who is habitual truant may have his or her driving privilege suspended for one year.
272(a)(1) P.C.	Failure to enroll your student in an approved educational program could result in a \$2500 fine + 1-year county jail + probation up to 5 years

Parents are responsible for a child’s attendance from age 6 until age 18 (Education Code 48200).