

# Excused Student Absences

According to Section 48205 of the California Education Code

If a student is absent for one of the following reasons, the absence and/or tardy will be **excused**. Any other reasons for an absence will be unexcused, and any other reason for a tardy will result in action taken based upon the tardy policy listed in the student handbook. If a student is more than 30 minutes late for a class, the student is considered absent for attendance purposes.

1. Illness
2. Quarantine directed by county or city health officer
3. Medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic appointment
4. Attendance at funeral services of a member of the student's immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than one day if the service is conducted in California, and not more than three days if the service is conducted outside California
5. Jury duty
6. Illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent
7. Serving as a member of a precinct board for an election

Absences excused for justifiable personal reasons include the following items. It is the policy of Modoc High School that the student must request permission from the principal in writing prior to the absence.

1. An appearance in court
2. Attendance at a funeral service
3. Observance of a holiday or ceremony of the student's religion
4. Attendance at a religious retreat (not to exceed four hours per semester)
5. Attendance at an employment conference

**Note that vacations, car trouble, inclement weather, and train or traffic delays are not reasons for excused tardies or absences.** We appreciate your efforts in getting students to school on time and working with us to minimize the negative impact unexcused absences and tardies have on a child's learning.