



PALISADES

CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

PCHS Attendance Policy Amendment 4-24-19

The following are proposed changes to the PCHS attendance policy based upon input from the period-by-period meetings.

As opposed to the current policy in which a student may Fail a class due to 7 **unexcused?** absences (3 unexcused tardiness = 1 absence) the proposed idea is to remove the link between absences and a student's academic grades. Pali students who have been absent shall have 5-10 (?) consecutive school days upon their return to provide parent/guardian notes to clear their absences. If students do not clear their absences, then teachers do not have to provide the student with makeup work for the days missed. This, in turn, can have a negative impact on student's grades, making clearing absences important to students (and teachers).

Parents are required by law to send their children to school. For students who are **chronically absent, tardy, and truant**, PCHS shall create a School Attendance Review Team (SART). This team may be composed of a retired judge, school psychologist, school police, social worker, deputy DA, principal, student's counselor, and teachers who do not know the student. The team shall meet once a month and decide collectively the next steps for the student and what the parent must do to address and correct the poor attendance. When necessary, legal action can be taken against the parent or the student, depending on who is responsible for failing to comply.

Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County have loitering ordinances. They prohibit any person under the age of eighteen and subject to compulsory school attendance from loitering in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, playgrounds, or other public grounds during school hours on days when school is in session. Students who violate these ordinances may receive a citation, have to appear in court with his/her parent/guardian, have a fine imposed by the court, and risk having his/her driver's license held.