

What Does the Law Say...

- **California Education Code section 48200** says, “each person between the ages of 6 and 18 years.....is subject to compulsory full-time education.
- **California Education Code section 48260** says, “any pupil subject to full-time compulsory education who is absent from school without a valid excuse for three days in one school year or tardy or absent for more than 30 minutes during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination, thereof, is a truant.”
- **California Education Code section 48262** says, “any pupil is deemed a habitual truant who has been reported as a truant three or more times per school year.....”
- **California Education Code section 48263.6** says, “any pupil subject to full-time compulsory education who is absent from school without a valid excuse for 10 percent or more of the school year, from date of enrollment to current date, is deemed a chronic truant.”