



### Child Welfare and Attendance Specialist (CWA)

The Child Welfare & Attendance Specialists assist and educate students, parent/guardians and schools to promote student success and achievement through consistent attendance. Attendance improves when schools closely monitor chronic absences and engage in personalized early outreach.

The job of the Child Welfare and Attendance Specialist is done for the purpose(s) of representing the District as a liaison with social and legal jurisdictions in matters related to compliance with and enforcement of California Attendance Laws: representing the District in pertinent legal proceedings; assisting students, parents and school personnel in efforts to improve student attendance; and reduce chronic absenteeism.

#### What are a few ways that Child Welfare and Attendance Specialists provide assistance?

- Facilitate communication between school and home.
- Conduct home visits for the purpose of determining the cause(s) of poor attendance.
- Share strategies that can help improve attendance.
- Arrange and attend meetings with school staff regarding student attendance and achievement.
- Interact with community organizations (e.g. counseling agencies, social services, police, probation, etc.) for the purpose of assisting students and/or families with issues that are a hindrance to participation in school.
- Provide training and in-service for students, staff and parents for the purpose of providing information relating to attendance policies in order to increase their awareness of District and State policies and guidelines.

#### How do I contact a Child Welfare and Attendance Specialist (CWA) ?

Each school site has a designated Child Welfare & Attendance Specialist. Please contact the CWA for the site that your child attends.

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