

Chapter 498, Statutes of 1983  
Education Code Section 48260.5  
Notification of Truancy

Eligible Claimants

All school districts and county offices of education.

Basis for Mandate

The State Board of Control determined that Education Code 48260.5, as added by Chapter 498, Statutes of 1983, contained a reimbursable state mandate pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 2207.

Chapter 498, Statutes of 1983, added section 48260.5 to the Education Code. Section 48260.5 requires school districts, upon a pupil's initial classification as a truant, to notify the pupil's parent or guardian by first-class mail or other reasonable means of (1) the pupil's truancy; (2) that the parent or guardian is obligated to compel the attendance of the pupil at school; and (3) that parents or guardians who fail to meet this obligation may be guilty of an infraction and subject to prosecution pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with section 48290) of Chapter 2, of Part 27, of the Education Code

Additionally, the district must inform parents and guardians of (1) alternative educational programs available in the district, and (2) the right to meet with appropriate school personnel to discuss solutions to the pupil's truancy.

Statewide Cost Estimate

The Commission on State Mandates adopted a statewide cost estimate in the amount of \$18,312,000 for the 1983-84 through 1989-90 fiscal years.

Following is a fiscal year breakdown of the statewide costs:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1983-84	\$ 3,583,197
1984-85	2,100,610
1985-86	2,327,766
1986-87	2,403,053
1987-88	2,555,411
1988-89	2,633,325
1989-90	<u>2,708,476</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$18,312,000 (R)</u>