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Background

CalWORKs provisions require penalties for those families in which children are not meeting the school attendance requirement unless good cause exists.

Policy

42-100.F.1 Students 16 Years of Age or Older

If a school district or a School Attendance Review Board (SARB) determines that a child age 16 years of age or older is deemed a chronic truant pursuant to Section 48263.6 of the Education Code, the needs of the child will not be considered in computing the grant of the family ([CPG 42-100.H](#)).

This will apply for any month in which the Eligibility Worker is informed by a school district or a SARB, unless at least one of the exception criteria exists, as described in [CPG 42-100.F.3](#).

42-100.F.2 18 Year-Old Students

In order to determine continuing CalWORKs eligibility for the child who turned 18, the parent(s)/caretaker relative(s) must provide documentation from the child's school to verify the anticipated graduation date. Request documentation from the parent(s)/caretaker relative(s) a month before the 18th birthday month, which must be returned by the established due date.

Refer to [CPG 42-100.A](#) for additional requirements when the child turns 18 years old.

42-100.F.3 Exception Criteria

A child age 16 years of age or older, who has been deemed a chronic truant pursuant to Section 48263.6, will not be penalized if at least one of the following exception criteria exists:

- Evidence is provided that the child's attendance records are not available
- Evidence is provided that the child has been attending school
- Good cause for school nonparticipation exists at any time during the month, see [CPG 42-100.G](#)
- Any member of the household is eligible to participate in the county's current family stabilization program for any reason, including other siblings and parents ([CPG 10-007.A](#))
- Evidence is provided that the child, parent, or caregiver is complying with requirements imposed by a SARB, the County Probation Department, or the District Attorney
- A member of the household is cooperating with a plan developed by a county child welfare agency such as Juvenile Probation, County Child Protective Services or Foster Care, etc.

Procedure:

None.

Impacts:

None.

References:

[EAS 40-105.5](#)

[ACL 14-12](#)

[ACL 15-22](#)

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