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To: Our Valued Patients  
Re: Excused Absence Policy

The Excused Absence for Visits to Health Care Professionals Provision is copied by S.B. 1, Act of the 74th Legislature, 1995, at Section 25.087, Education Code. The exact text is as follows:

Sec. 25.087(b) Excused Absence. A school district shall excuse a student for temporary absence resulting from health care professionals if that student commences classes, or returns to school on the same day of the appointment, a student whose absence is excused under this subsection shall be allowed a reasonable time to make up school work missed on those days. If the student satisfactorily completes the school work, the day of absence shall be counted as a day of compulsory attendance.

The American Association of Orthodontist (AAO) Policy Statement reads as follows:

...recommends that all school districts recognize that orthodontic treatment for school-age children is a necessary treatment relating to over-all dental health and emotional well-being of the student, and, as such, orthodontic treatment should be considered an excused absence when orthodontic appointment must be scheduled during regular school hours. The (AAO) supports the rights of all students to be absent from school without penalty for necessary orthodontic and dental appointments. AAO members are encouraged to document and provide a written excuse upon request, with the excuse stating the time, date, and, if practical, the duration of the orthodontic appointment.

We have arranged our appointments the most practical way possible. Longer appointments are scheduled during work or school hours. Exceptions to this policy are rare since we are trying to accommodate as many patients' schedules as possible.

Thank you for your assistance in the smooth operation of our office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dan C. Peavy