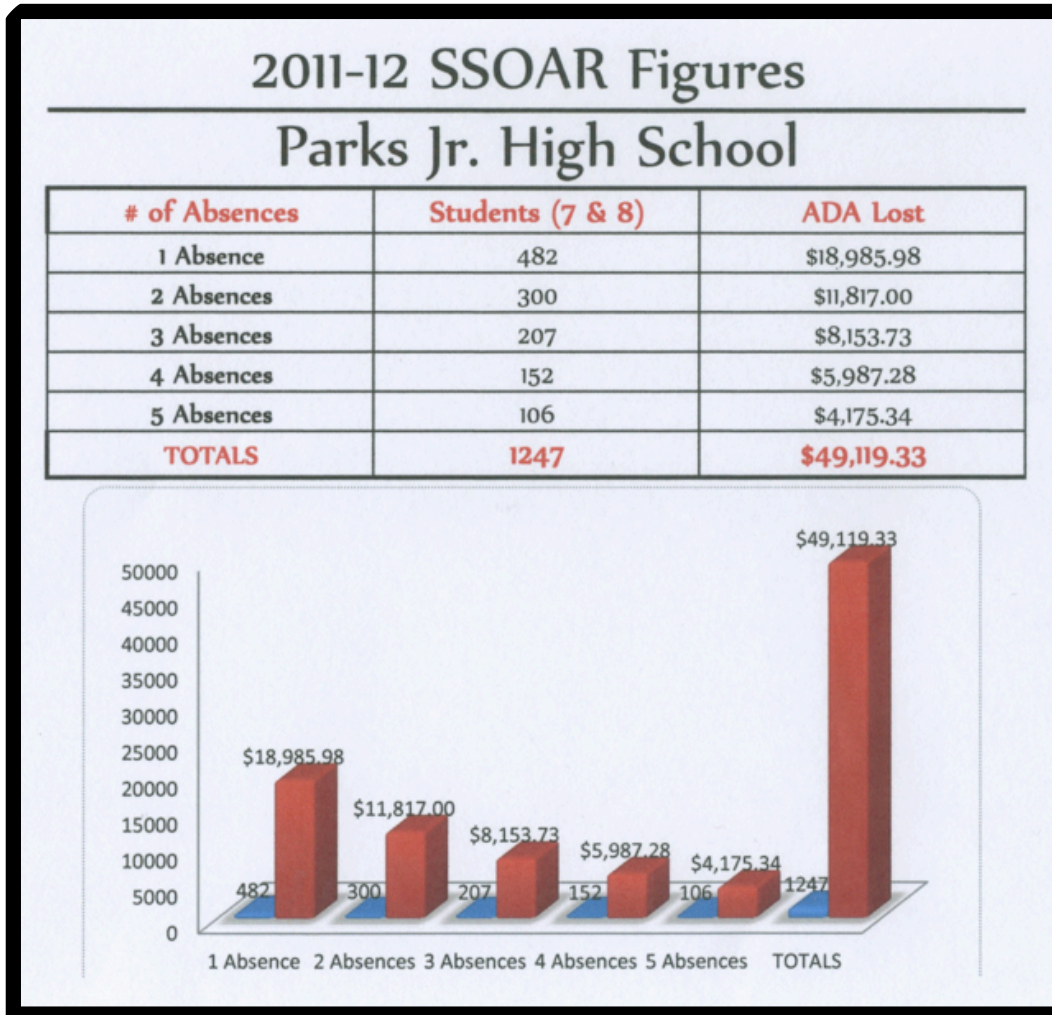


School Site Funding and Student Attendance

Dear Parents/Students:

We thought it was important to share the following information with you.



As you can see, Parks Jr. High has **lost ~\$50,000 in State funds** so far this school year because of student attendance. Public school districts in California receive their funding from the state based on the **actual number of students who are present for classes**, not on the district's enrollment. **Districts are not paid for students who are absent, no matter whether an absence is excused or unexcused.**

The school calendar is designed to minimize problems for families who plan vacations around traditional holiday periods. We urge parents to make sure your children attend school regularly and to schedule medical and other appointments so that a student misses none, or only a small portion, of the school day. **However, if he/she attends at least one period of the day, we do receive funding.**

Of course we do not want children at school when they are sick, but we do ask that he/she make up his/her absence at SSOAR so that we can re-coup at least part of those lost funds. This is a way for you to **support your child's school with no out-of-pocket expenses!** We appreciate your help and thank you in advance!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms. Dustin or Mr. Bagger.