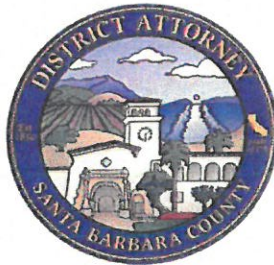


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May 26, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the new school year! Last year was extremely difficult for parents, students, teachers and staff, therefore we are more excited than ever to welcome you and our students back. As you know, providing your child with the opportunity to receive an education is one of the greatest and most significant gifts a parent can give their child. A good education serves as the foundation for a child to grow to become a happy, healthy, and productive adult. Society recognizes this importance and puts safeguards in place to ensure that each and every child benefits fully from their educational opportunities. With that said, I want to share with you some important information regarding those safeguards.

Education Code §48200 requires all children between the ages of 6 and 18 to attend a full-time education program as designated by the governing board of the school district in which the parent or legal guardian resides.

Education Code §48260(a) defines a "truant" as a student who **three times** during the school year either misses more than **30 minutes** of instruction or is absent from school for **three full days without a valid excuse**. Because society recognizes the importance of regular school attendance, Education Code §48205 defines when a student may be validly excused from school.

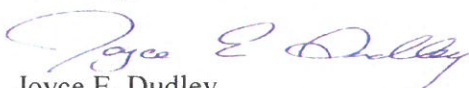
All parents or legal guardians of school-aged children should know the law provides that parents of students are responsible for ensuring school attendance and can be held accountable with legal sanctions amounting to an infraction and/or a misdemeanor.

As a grandmother, a mother of four sons, as well as your district attorney, I know that children who do not attend school run the very real risk of either committing crimes or becoming crime victims. Additionally, research has shown that those students who do not graduate from high school will face more challenges in finding meaningful employment and succeeding in several other facets of their life.

Your school is here to help your child become well educated. Truancy can result from many causes and your school district is ready to assist you as a parent in obtaining help from government and community-based organizations to address any issues that may be associated with truancy. With support and encouragement, your child can thrive and will reap the rewards from developing successful organizational skills; engaging in the arts, sports, and sciences; solidifying strong school-oriented friendships; and appreciating the value of academics, hard work, and studying.

The School District and I are committed to keeping the children of Santa Barbara County in school and doing all we can to ensure their individual joy and success. I hope that you have found this information useful, and I wish you and your child a safe and productive school year.

Sincerely,


Joyce E. Dudley
District Attorney

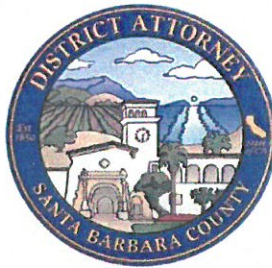
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26 de mayo de 2021

Estimado Padre/Tutor,

Bienvenidos al nuevo año escolar. El año pasado fue extremadamente difícil para los padres, estudiantes, profesores y personal de la escuela, por lo tanto, estamos más emocionados que nunca de darles la bienvenida a usted y a nuestros estudiantes. Usted sabe que proveer a su hijo(a) con la oportunidad de recibir la mejor educación posible es el regalo más grande que un padre puede dar. Una buena educación es fundamental para el crecimiento saludable y productivo de una persona. La sociedad reconoce la importancia y toma precauciones para estar seguro de que cada niño se beneficie en su totalidad de esta oportunidad. Les quiero compartir información importante con respecto a las expectativas del Distrito Escolar.

El Código de Educación §48200 requiere que todos los niños entre las edades de 6 a 18 años participen tiempo completo en el programa de Educación designado por el Consejo Administrativo del Distrito Escolar donde radican.

El Código de Educación §48260(a) delinea "Ausente" un estudiante que llega 30 minutos tarde tres veces o falta tres días completos sin una excusa valida durante el año escolar. Puesto que la sociedad reconoce la importancia de asistir regularmente a la escuela, el Código de Educación §48205 delinea, cuando un estudiante tiene una excusa valida por faltar a la escuela.

Todo padre de familia o tutor legal con hijos(as) de edad escolar deben saber que los padres serán responsables de asegurar que sus hijos(as) asistan a la escuela, puesto que las ausencias escolares pueden resultar en una infracción o un delito menor si las estas se agravan.

Como abuela, madre de cuatro hijos y Fiscal del Condado, sé que los hijos que no asisten a la escuela, están a riesgo de cometer delitos criminales o al igual convertirse en victimas de ofensas criminales. Además, estudios han demostrado que los estudiantes que no se gradúan de la escuela secundaria enfrentan retos difíciles al tiempo de buscar empleo y o alcanzar éxito en otros aspectos de su vida.

La escuela esta para ayudar a sus hijos(as) a mejorar con una buena educación. Las ausencias escolares pueden ser el resultado de diferentes causas y su Distrito Escolar está preparado para asistirlo en obtener ayuda del Gobierno o de otras organizaciones de la comunidad para ayudar a sus hijos(as) con problemas asociados con las ausencias escolares. Con este apoyo y respaldo, su hijo(a) saldrá vencedor, y obtendrá los beneficios, al igual que a mejorar su organización personal, involucrarse en arte, deporte y ciencia, así solidificando amistades orientadas en la educación al igual que apreciar el valor de la educación, trabajo arduo y estudio.

Sinceramente,

Joyce E. Dudley
Fiscal del Condado

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CLASS Program

Step 1	<u>Truancy Notification Letter 1</u> A letter informing parents of their child's unexcused absences and the relevant laws regarding school attendance.	3 days of unexcused absences or its equivalent in period absences
Step 2	<u>Administrator Meeting (AM)</u> A meeting with an administrator focusing on addressing individual attendance needs, and where a contract with the school may be signed.	6 days of unexcused absences or its equivalent in period absences
Step 3	<u>School Attendance Review Board (SARB)</u> A meeting with an independent panel of district, county and community representatives, where a contract with the SARB panel may be signed, and with a possible referral to a TMT meeting with the District Attorney's Office.	12 days of unexcused absences or its equivalent in period absences
Step 4	<u>Truancy Mediation Team (TMT)</u> A meeting with representatives from the school at the District Attorney's Office focusing on addressing individual attendance needs, and where a TMT contract may be signed.	Per referral from SARB

↓ Referral to the District Attorney for possible prosecution

Legal Consequences of Truancy for Parents

California Education Code § 48260-48321

Infraction (Education Code § 48293(a)) Applies to all public school children between ages 6-18 who have more than 5 full days of unexcused absences, or its equivalent in period absences.

- Fines

1st Conviction up to	\$100
2nd Conviction up to	\$250
3rd Conviction and after up to	\$500
- Court orders to personally send your child to school and to attend parenting classes.

Contempt (Education Code § 48293(c)) Willful violation of an order under this subdivision is punishable as civil contempt with:

- Fines of up to **\$1,000**

Misdemeanor (Penal Code § 270.1) Applies to all public school children between grades K-8 who have missed more than 10% of the school year, which includes excused and unexcused absences.

- Fines of up to **\$2,000, and/or**
- Other penalties provided by statute may include community service, parenting classes, and custody.

Misdemeanor (Penal Code § 272)

- Fines of up to **\$2,500, and/or**
- Other penalties provided by statute may include community service, parenting classes, and custody.



Paso 1	<u>Primera Carta de notificación de absentismo escolar</u> Una carta informando a los padres sobre las ausencias injustificadas de sus hijos y las leyes pertinentes con respecto a las asistencia escolar.	3 días de ausencias injustificadas o su equivalente en períodos de clases.
Paso 2	<u>Reunión con Administrador (AM)</u> Una reunión con un Administrador que se enfoca en abordar las necesidades de asistencia individual y se firma un contrato con la escuela.	6 días de ausencias injustificadas o su equivalente en períodos de clases.
Paso 3	<u>Junta de Revisión de Asistencia Escolar (SARB)</u> Una reunión con un panel independiente de representantes, del distrito, condado y comunidad, donde se puede firmar un contrato con el panel SARB, y con una posible referencia a una reunión de TMT a la Oficina del Fiscal del Distrito	12 días de ausencias injustificadas o su equivalente en períodos de clases.
Paso 4	<u>Grupo de Mediación de Absentismo Escolar (TMT)</u> Una reunión con representantes de la escuela en la Oficina del Fiscal del Distrito del condado de Santa Bárbara enfocada en atender las necesidades de asistencia individual, y donde se puede firmar un contrato de TMT.	Por referencia de SARB

↓ Remisión a la oficina del Fiscal de Distrito para un posible enjuiciamiento

Consecuencias Legales de Absentismo Escolar Hacia Los Padres

Código de Educación de California Sección 48260-48293

Infracción (Código de Educación § 48293 (a)) Se aplica a todos los estudiantes en las escuelas públicas entre las edades 6-18 que tengan más de 5 días de ausencias injustificadas, o su equivalente en períodos de clases.

- Multas
 - 1ª Condena \$100
 - 2ª Condena \$250
 - 3ª condena y siguientes de hasta \$500
- Órdenes judiciales para enviar personalmente a su hijo a la escuela y asistir a clases para padres
- **Desacato de Orden Judicial** (Código de Educación § 48293 (c)) La violación intencional de una orden bajo esta subdivisión es punible como desacato civil con:
 - Multas de hasta \$1,000
- **Delito Menor** (Código Penal Sección 270.1) Se aplica a todos los niños de escuelas públicas entre los grados K-8 que han perdido más del 10% del año escolar, lo que incluye ausencias justificadas e injustificadas.
 - Multas de hasta \$2,000, y/o
 - Otras sanciones provistas por el estatuto pueden incluir servicio comunitario, clases para padres y encarcelamiento.

Delito Menor (Código Penal Sección 272)

- Multas de hasta \$2,500, y/o
- Otras sanciones provistas por el estatuto pueden incluir servicio comunitario, clases para padres y encarcelamiento.

County of Santa Barbara

S.a.r.b.

School Attendance Review Board



Confidential Referral Form

Agency #:

Referral Date:

Interpreter:

Y ☐ N ☐

Language:

Previous SARB:

Y ☐ N ☐

Previous SARB Date:

Referring District and School

District	School
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504: Y ☐ N ☐ELL: Y ☐ N ☐Special Ed: Y ☐ N ☐

Other info: _____

Student Information

Name (Last, First, Middle)	DOB	Age	Sex	Grade	Date of last IEP/SST meeting
Resides with	Cumulative GPA	Credit Earned	Credit Deficient ☐	Homeless or Foster ☐	

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian	DOB:	Address	Primary Phone	Other Phone
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I. Contributing Factors

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| ☐ Family conflict | ☐ Lack of parental involvement | ☐ Student caring for younger siblings | ☐ Health: student |
| ☐ Economic stress | ☐ Grief & loss | ☐ Student is a parent | ☐ Health: parent |
| ☐ Student's job | ☐ Substance abuse: student | ☐ Negative peer influence | ☐ Health: family |

II. Siblings:

Name	School	Grade	DOB	Excused Absences	Unexcused Absences

III. Summary of Attendance Problem

	CURRENT YEAR	AFTER SARB
Total days or periods of excused absence	DAYS/PERIODS ____	DAYS/PERIODS ____
Total days or periods of unexcused absence	DAYS/PERIODS ____	DAYS/PERIODS ____
Total number of tardies	< 30min ____ > 30min ____	< 30min ____ > 30min ____

IV. Attempted Interventions

The student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) were in violation of Education Code §48200 et. seq. and the following interventions were attempted. List most recent interventions

Intervention	Date	Persons Present for Intervention	Summary
Truancy Letter 1			
AM			
SARB			
TMT			

PLEASE ATTACH SCHOOL RECORDS OF INTERVENTIONS PROVIDED

To be completed by the School Attendance Review Board

IV. School Attendance Review Board

Date(s) of SARB meeting(s):

Interpreter: Y ☐ N ☐

Language: _____

Name of interpreter: _____

➤ Parent/(guardian): ☐ Attended ☐ Signed SARB Contract ☐ Failed to Appear
Relationship to student: _____

➤ Parent/(guardian): ☐ Attended ☐ Signed SARB Contract ☐ Failed to Appear
Relationship to student: _____

➤ Student: ☐ Attended ☐ Signed SARB Contract ☐ Failed to Appear

The School Attendance Review Board elects to:

☐ Monitor minor's attendance.

☐ Review minor's SARB case at later date (only when FTA occurs): _____
Date

☐ The District Attorney's Office for mediation and possible prosecution.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing information is correct.

Signature of SARB Chairperson or District Representative

Date

SARB or District Contact Person	Attachments
Name: Edwin Weaver Title: Executive Director & SARB Co-Chair 805-346-1774 Phone: 201 S Miller St. Suite 107 Address: Santa Maria, CA 93454	☐ Student attendance report and attendance notes ☐ Student current transcript/current grades ☐ Phone/Contact list ☐ Student attendance interventions, include dates and copies of attendance letters sent to family ☐ Attendance History Summary Page ☐ Copy of AM contract ☐ Copy of SARB contract ☐ Copy of TMT contract ☐ Other documentation: _____



Confidential Referral Form

Agency #:

Referral Date: 06/24/2019

Interpreter: Y ☒ N ☐

Language: Spanish

Previous SARB: Y ☒ N ☐

Previous SARB Date: 05/30/2019

Referring District and School

District	School
SB Co. School District	SB Co. Best School

504: Y ☐ N ☒ELL: Y ☐ N ☒Special Ed: Y ☐ N ☒

Other info: Loves Art Class

Student Information

Name (Last, First, Middle)	DOB	Age	Sex	Grade	Date of last IEP/SST meeting
Truant, Timmy The	05/31/10	9	M	5	None
Resides with	Cumulative GPA	Credit Earned	Credit Deficient	Homeless or Foster	
Parents, Grandparents, sibling, Uncle/Aunt			☐	☒	

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian	DOB:	Address	Primary Phone	Other Phone
Truant, Tom The	05/31/86	123 Happy Street, Santa Barbara	(805)568-2345	
Parent/Guardian	DOB:	Address	Primary Phone	Other Phone
Truant, Tina The	05/31/86	123 Happy Street, Santa Barbara	(805)568-2345	

I. Contributing Factors

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|---|--|---|--|
| ☒ Family conflict | ☒ Lack of parental involvement | ☒ Student caring for younger siblings | ☐ Health: student |
| ☐ Economic stress | ☐ Grief & loss | ☐ Student is a parent | ☒ Health: parent |
| ☐ Student's job | ☐ Substance abuse: student | ☐ Negative peer influence | ☒ Health: family |

II. Siblings:

Name	School	Grade	DOB	Excused Absences	Unexcused Absences
Truant, Tania The	SB Co. Best School	3	05/31/12	24	24

III. Summary of Attendance Problem

	CURRENT YEAR	AFTER SARB
Total days or periods of excused absence	DAYS/PERIODS 24	DAYS/PERIODS ____
Total days or periods of unexcused absence	DAYS/PERIODS 24	DAYS/PERIODS ____
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Truancy Letter 1	09/01/2019	Letter 1 sent home via attendance clerk	
AM	11/01/2019	Principal, AP, Outreach, DA's Office, Mom.	Utilize school services. Timmy in bed at 8. Contract signed
SARB	03/01/2020	Parents, student and sibling present.	SARB contract signed. Parents to attend parenting class.
TMT	04/01/2020	Parents, School rep, DA's Office	Parents failed to utilize services and parenting classes

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IV. School Attendance Review Board

Date(s) of SARB meeting(s):

Interpreter: Y ☐ N ☐

Language: _____

Name of interpreter: _____

➤ Parent/(guardian): ☐ Attended ☐ Signed SARB Contract ☐ Failed to Appear

Relationship to student: Mother

➤ Parent/(guardian): ☐ Attended ☐ Signed SARB Contract ☐ Failed to Appear

Relationship to student: Father

➤ Student: ☐ Attended ☐ Signed SARB Contract ☐ Failed to Appear

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Signature of SARB Chairperson or District Representative

Date

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	☐ Attendance History Summary Page
	☐ Copy of AM contract
	☐ Copy of SARB contract
	☐ Copy of TMT contract
	☐ Other documentation: _____

School Attendance Review Board

2021 - 2022 SARB Calendar

August 2021						
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 South County SARB (SCS)
720 Santa Barbara Street, SB

 Holiday (School Closed)

2021-2022 SARB Referral Deadlines

Meeting Date	Referral Deadline (by 4:30 PM)
August 24, 2021	Organizational meeting
September 7, 2021	Would have been reviews from last year- N/A*
September 21, 2021	September 1, 2021
October 5, 2021	September 15, 2022
October 19, 2021	September 29, 2022
November 2, 2021	October 13, 2021
November 16, 2021	October 27, 2021
December 7, 2021	November 17, 2021
December 14, 2021	November 19, 2021
January 4, 2022	December 15, 2021
January 18, 2022	December 17, 2021
February 1, 2022	January 12, 2022
February 15, 2022	January 26, 2022
March 1, 2022	February 9, 2022
March 15, 2022	February 23, 2022
April 5, 2022	March 16, 2022
April 19, 2022	March 30, 2022
May 3, 2022	April 13, 2022
May 17, 2022	April 27, 2022

SARB Referral Reminders:

1. Please fill out **all** of the information on the first page of the referral (including parents DOB- can be found in the copy of student's birth certificate inside their CUMe file). The **only** box that should be left blank is the 'Agency #.'
2. Check box on whether or not parent needs interpretation services.
3. Scan a copy of AM contract alongside your referral.

4. Email final referral as the fillable PDF format (not scanned or hand-written).
5. An IEP or SST meeting should be held prior to SARB referral being submitted.
6. Any referrals that are incomplete will be sent back to you and will not be calendared until a complete referral is received.

