

Students

DISTRICT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD

The Governing Board recognizes that poor school attendance and behavior problems negatively impact student achievement and put students at greater risk of dropping out of school. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a comprehensive and integrated system for the early identification of attendance problems and shall implement strategies to encourage students' attendance. After other interventions have been exhausted, students with a pattern of unexcused absences may be referred to a school attendance review board (SARB), in accordance with applicable law, in order to receive intensive guidance and assistance.

The SARB shall maintain a continuing inventory of community resources, including alternative educational programs.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the SARB and appropriate community agencies, including, but not limited to, law enforcement agencies, child welfare agencies, and health services, to provide school-based and/or community-based interventions tailored to the specific needs of the student.

The Board shall appoint members to the district's SARB, who may include a parent/guardian as well as representatives of various agencies including, but not limited to, school districts; the county probation department; the county welfare department; the County Superintendent of Schools; law enforcement agencies; community-based youth service centers; school guidance personnel; child welfare and attendance personnel; school or county health care personnel; school, county, or community mental health personnel; the county district attorney's office; and the county public defender's office. (Education Code 48321)

The district's SARB shall provide support to improve student attendance and behavior through proactive efforts focused on building positive school environments and improved school connectedness, early identification and immediate intervention to re-engage students with poor attendance or behavior, and intensive intervention with students and families to address severe or persistent attendance or behavior issues.

The district's SARB shall operate in accordance with Education Code 48320-48325, the Brown Act (Government Code 54950-54963), and the bylaws of the SARB.

The SARB shall collect data and annually report outcomes on SARB referrals to the Governing Board, Superintendent or designee, and County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code 48273)

Legal Reference:

<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
5 CCR 306	Explanation of absence
5 CCR 420-421	Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes

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<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
Code of Civil Procedure 1985-1997	Production of evidence; means of production
Ed. Code 1740	Employment of personnel to supervise attendance
Ed. Code 1980-1986	County community school
Ed. Code 46010-46015	Absences
Ed. Code 48200-48208	Children ages 6-18; compulsory full-time attendance
Ed. Code 48240-48246	Supervisors of attendance
Ed. Code 48260-48273	Truants
Ed. Code 48290-48297	Failure to comply; complaints against parents
Ed. Code 48320-48325	School attendance review boards
Ed. Code 48340-48341	Improvement of student attendance
Ed. Code 48400-48403	Compulsory continuation education
Ed. Code 48660-48666	Community day schools
Ed. Code 49067	Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade
Gov. Code 54950-54963	The Ralph M. Brown Act
Pen. Code 270.1	Chronic truancy; parent/guardian misdemeanor
Pen. Code 272	Parent/guardian duty to supervise and control minor child; criminal liability for truancy
Pen. Code 830.1	Peace officers
Veh. Code 13202.7	Driving privileges; minors; suspension or delay for habitual truancy
W&I Code 11253.5	Compulsory school attendance
W&I Code 256-258	Juvenile hearing officer
W&I Code 601-601.5	Habitually truant minors
<u>Management Resources</u>	<u>Description</u>
California Department of Education Publication	School Attendance Review Board: A Road Map for Improved School Attendance and Behavior, rev. 2018
California Department of Education Publication	School Attendance Improvement Handbook, 2000
Court Decision	L.A. v. Superior Court of San Diego County, (2012) 209 Cal.App.4th 976
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	Attendance Works
Website	California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance
Website	California Department of Education
Website	CSBA

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