

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD (SARB)



EC 48320(a)

“...it is the intent of the Legislature that intensive guidance and coordinated community services may be provided to meet the special needs of pupils with school attendance problems or school behavior problems.”

LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF SARB – California Education Code

History of SARB: Legislative statute in 1975 - Implemented in 1976

Boards would effectively address TRUANCY through compliance with California LAWS
 Education Code (EC) : Penal Code (PC) : Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) : Vehicle Code (VC)

Compulsory Attendance
 [EC 48200]

Chronic Absentee
 [EC 60901 (c)(1)]

Truant
 [EC 48260(a)]

Habitual Truant
 [EC 48262]

Chronic Truant
 [EC 48263.6]

TRUANCY AND ABSENTEE TERMS DEFINED

Compulsory Attendance: Students between the ages of 6 to 18 are subject to full-time education.

Chronic Absentee: Student absences, both excused and unexcused, totaling 10% or more of school year.

Truant: Any student absent without a valid excuse three full days in one school year or tardy/early out for more than 30 minutes on three occasions in one school year.

Habitual Truant: Any student who is reported as truant more than three times per school year.

Chronic Truant: SARB may refer to District Attorney or Probation for petition to juvenile court to bring about proper disposition of the case including, supervised probation, truancy mediation, or prosecution.



POSITIVE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RESULTS IN THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT THROUGH:

- Increased Student Engagement
- Increased Student to Student Interactions
- Community Collaboration
- Positive School to Home Communication
- Increased State Test Scores
- Increased Academic, Social, and Physical Skills
- Decreased High School Drop-Out Rates
- Decreased Behavior Problems and Vandalism

Composition of SARB Members

Parent	Law Enforcement Officer or Sheriff
Community Member	Community Youth Service Providers
School District	Health Care Providers
School Guidance Counselor	School Nurses or Health Aids
County Superintendent	Mental Health or Psychologists
District Board Members	Doctors or Psychiatrists
County Probation	District Attorney or City Attorney
County Welfare or DCFS	Public Defender