

POLICY 5113.12: DISTRICT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD

Adopted: _____

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.

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.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: *These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.*

State

5 CCR 306

5 CCR 420-421

CCP. 1985-1997

Ed. Code 1740

Ed. Code 1980-1986

Ed. Code 46010-46015

Ed. Code 48200-48208

Description

Explanation of absence

Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes

Production of evidence; means of production

Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county superintendent)

County community school

Absences

Children ages 6-18 (compulsory full-time attendance)

Ed. Code 48240-48246
 Ed. Code 48260-48273
 Ed. Code 48290-48297
 Ed. Code 48320-48325
 Ed. Code 48340-48341
 Ed. Code 48400-48403
 Ed. Code 48660-48666
 Ed. Code 49067
 Gov. Code 54950-54963
 Pen. Code 270.1
 Pen. Code 272

 Pen. Code 830.1
 Veh. Code 13202.7
 W&I Code 11253.5
 W&I Code 256-258
 W&I Code 601-601.5
 Management Resources
 California Department of Education Publication

 California Department of Education Publication
 Court Decision
 Website
 Website
 Website
 Website

Supervisors of attendance
 Truants
 Failure to comply; complaints against parents
 School attendance review boards
 Improvement of student attendance
 Compulsory continuation education
 Community day schools
 Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade
 The Ralph M. Brown Act
 Chronic truancy; parent/guardian misdemeanor
 Parent/guardian duty to supervise and control minor child; criminal liability for truancy
 Peace officers
 Driving privileges; minors; suspension or delay for habitual truancy
 Compulsory school attendance
 Juvenile hearing officer
 Habitually truant minors
 Description
 School Attendance Review Board: A Road Map for Improved School Attendance and Behavior, rev. 2018
 School Attendance Improvement Handbook, 2000
 L.A. v. Superior Court of San Diego County, (2012) 209 Cal.App.4th 976
 Attendance Works
 California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance
 California Department of Education
 CSBA

Cross References

Code

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 5112.5
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Description

Student Wellness
 Open/Closed Campus
 Absences and Excuses
 Absences and Excuses
 Chronic Absence and Truancy
 Chronic Absence and Truancy
 Attendance Supervision
 Interdistrict Attendance
 Interdistrict Attendance
 Student Records
 Student Records
 Awards for Achievement
 Awards for Achievement
 Conduct
 Bullying
 Bullying
 Positive School Climate
 School Health Services
 School Health Services
 Nondiscrimination/Harassment
 Nondiscrimination/Harassment
 Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students
 Dropout Prevention