

SARB Process

3 unexcused absences= Truant (reported to Principal)

4th unexcused absence=Second truancy (reported to Principal)

5th unexcused absence= Third truancy (reported to Senior Director of Student Services)

Classified as a habitual truant and subject to a summons to appear at a SARB hearing)

Definitions

Habitual Truant: truant three (3) or more times per school year

Chronic Truant: absent from school without a valid excuse for ten percent (10%) or more of the school days in one school year from the date of enrollment to the current date

Chronic Absentee: absent ten percent (10%) or more of the days, calculated by dividing total absences by the total number of school days the student is enrolled during the school year. This measure includes ALL absences—including excused absences—and assumes all excessive absence impedes learning (E.C. 60901 [c][1])

Per California Ed Code 48200 parents are responsible for a child's attendance from age six (6) through eighteen (18).

Penalties

§48293 Education Code

SARB Hearing—The School Attendance Review Board (SARB) will ask the parent and the student to sign an Attendance Contract. Failure to comply with the contract will result in the order of a citation to appear in court.

1st Conviction: A fine of not more than \$100.00 plus penalties could amount to as much as \$486.00

2nd Conviction: A fine of not more than \$250.00 plus penalties could amount to as much as \$1,086.00

3rd Conviction: A fine of not more than \$500.00 plus penalties could amount to as much as \$2,000.00

§48923 Ed. Code: Failure to enroll your student in an approved educational program could result in a fine of \$1,000.00

Silver Valley Unified School District



Parent & Student SARB Information Pamphlet

School Attendance Review Board
California Education Code 48320

Absences must be cleared within three days

ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR EXCUSED STUDENT ABSENCES

(Ed Code § 46010, 46010.5, 48205) Student must be given an opportunity to complete work which is reasonably close to, but not necessarily identical, to missed work.

1. Personal illness (school may require a doctor's note and may require a doctor's verification after 10 days of absence)
2. Quarantine under the direction of a health officer
3. Personal medical, dental, optometric or chiropractic appointment (requires a doctor's note)
4. Funeral services of parent, sibling, grandparent, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or any relative living in the immediate household of the child (Limited to one day in state, and three days out of state)
5. Student serving on jury duty
6. Exclusion for medical reasons (not to exceed five (5) school days)
7. Personal court appearance (requires verification)
8. Prior Principal approval for employment conference
9. Observance of a religious holiday or ceremony (recommend at least three (3) days advance notice to school)
10. Religious retreat (limited to four (4) hours per semester)
11. Spend time with immediate family member who is an active duty member of the uniformed services about to be deployed or who has

immediately returned from deployment.

12. Prior Principal approval for three reasons which may not be included elsewhere, but do not set a precedent.

§46014 Ed. Code—The following requires a board adopted resolution:

- Religious Observance or Exercise for moral or religious instruction; limited to four (4) days per month. Student must attend minimum school day hours. Recommend three (3) days advance written request from parent.

Parent must verify any absence within three (3) days.

After three (3) days the absence will be permanently unexcused and considered truancy.

Reasons NOT acceptable for being absent and are considered trancies or unexcused absences during the regular school year

1. Going to work with parent or other family member
2. Going to the beach, lake, river, mountains or desert
3. Going to a concert
4. Getting ready for a date
5. Baby-sitting, taking care of other family members
6. Under the influence of alcohol or drugs
7. Joyriding or partying

8. Personal problems
9. Repairing car or household items
10. Waiting for service or repair people to arrive
11. Shopping
12. Camping
13. Attending a sporting event
14. Bus not available/missing the bus
15. Participating in a student demonstration off campus
16. Any other reason not included in "Acceptable Reasons for Excused Student Absences"

Alternative Education Programs

Students who appear before the SARB panel may be offered an alternative educational setting. The Silver Valley Unified School District offers the following:

1. **Calico High School**—students age 16-18 who are credit deficient or may benefit from a more flexible schedule
2. **Opportunity Program**—students in grades 7-10 who are struggling in school due to behavior or attendance issues
3. **Long Term Independent Study**—students in grades 1-12 who find working in a home setting the most beneficial environment for optimal learning given a variety of unique individual or environmental factors.