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SUBJECT: 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.

- (cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
- (cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)
- (cf. 5113.11 - Attendance Supervision)
- (cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

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.

- (cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
- (cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
- (cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)
- (cf. 5131 - Conduct)
- (cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
- (cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
- (cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
- (cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
- (cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
- (cf. 6158 - Independent Study)
- (cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)
- (cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)
- (cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
- (cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
- (cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)
- (cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)
- (cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)
- (cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)
- (cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)
- (cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)
- (cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

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:

EDUCATION CODE

1740 Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county superintendent)

1980-1986 County community school

46010-46014 Absences

48200-48208 Children ages 6-18 (compulsory full-time attendance)

48240-48246 Supervisors of attendance

48260-48273 Truants

48290-48297 Failure to comply; complaints against parents

48320-48325 School attendance review boards

48340-48341 Improvement of student attendance

48400-48403 Compulsory continuation education

48660-48666 Community day school

49067 Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

1985-1997 Production of evidence; means of production

GOVERNMENT CODE

54950-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act

PENAL CODE

270.1 Chronic truancy; parent/guardian misdemeanor

272 Parent/guardian duty to supervise and control minor child; criminal liability for truancy

830.1 Peace officers

VEHICLE CODE

13202.7 Driving privileges; minors; suspension or delay for habitual truancy

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

256-258 Juvenile hearing officer

601-601.4 Habitually truant minors

11253.5 Compulsory school attendance

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

306 Explanation of absence

420-421 Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes

COURT DECISIONS

L.A. v. Superior Court of San Diego County, (2012) 209 Cal.App.4th 976

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

School Attendance Review Board Handbook: A Road Map for Improved School Attendance and Behavior, 2015

School Attendance Improvement Handbook, 2000

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Attendance Works: <http://www.attendanceworks.org>

California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance:
<http://www.cascwa.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>