

SARB



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD

SARB I LETTER 1

Three (3)
Unexcused
Absences:

Truancy Warning Letter mailed home. Contact your child's school and discuss absences.

SARB II LETTER 2

Three (3) MORE
Unexcused
Absences:

Truancy Notification mailed home. You may be required to attend an informational meeting at the school (SART).

SARB III -- LETTER 3

Six (6) MORE Unexcused Absences:

Third Notification of Truancy Letter mailed home. A referral to SARB Board may be made by the school site for the parent and the student to be summoned to appear at a SARB Hearing.

MEETING

WHY IS ATTENDANCE SUCH A BIG ISSUE?

Regular attendance is vital to a student's success in school. The student, who is frequently absent, misses social interaction and direct instruction from their teachers.

WHAT TO DO IF MY CHILD NEEDS TO BE OUT OF SCHOOL FOR A LENGTH OF TIME?

If your child must go out of town for three or more days but no more than 14 days, you may request a short-term Independent Study. Please note that you must make an appointment with the Principal or Assistant Principal for approval of the Independent Study at least two weeks in advance of the trip.

If a child is absent due to a reason deemed by EdCode as unexcused or their absence is not verified, then they will be "unexcused" for the day.

These types of absences are considered "truancies".

EXCUSED ABSENCE ARE DEFINED IN EDUCATION CODE §48205:

1. Due to illness -- some variation of: Personal illness, including an absence for the benefit of the pupil's mental or behavioral health.
2. Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer
3. For the purpose of medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services
4. For the purpose of attending the funeral service of their immediate family
5. Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours
6. For the purpose of jury duty
7. For justifiable personal reasons approved by the principal or a designated representative
8. For the purpose of spending time with a member of the pupil's immediate family, who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in Section 49701, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment in a combat zone or combat support position