

Silver Valley USD S.A.R.B. Process

- ③ - **Three Unexcused Absences = Truant**
Reported to the Principal/Letter to Parent
- ④ - **Four Unexcused Absences = Second Truancy**
Reported to the Principal/Letter to Parent
- ⑤ - **Five Unexcused Absences = Third Truancy**
Reported to the School Attendance Review Board Chair and the student is classified as a habitual truant. Parent and student then summoned to appear at a SARB hearing at the District Office.



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(SCHOOL)=
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WHAT HAPPENS TO THE TRUANT CHILD?

1. A letter is sent home and/or a phone call is made to the parents/legal guardian
2. A school employee may visit the home
3. The parents/legal guardian meet with the School Administration
4. The parents/legal guardian may receive a letter from the District Attorney
5. The student and parents/legal guardian appears before the local S.A.R.B. (School Attendance Review Board) made up of school officials and community representatives
6. If attendance doesn't improve, the child and parents may be cited by the police into court.

ANY and ALL absences MUST be verified within THREE (3) days. After three (3) days the absence will be permanently unexcused and considered truancy!

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How Can I Help My Child?

- * Make sure your child goes to school regularly!
- * Take an interest in your child's schoolwork!
- * If your child starts to miss school, speak to the school and let your child know he/she must attend!
- * If your child is ill, contact the school as soon as possible and explain the reason for the absence!
- * Don't expect the school to agree to frivolous outings, such as shopping trips or family vacations!
- * Don't expect your older children to stay home and act as a babysitter for younger siblings/children!



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Parent - Student Truancy & School Attendance Review Board (S.A.R.B.) Information Pamphlet



What is Truancy

Section 48260 of the Education Code states: "Any pupil subject to compulsory full-time education or to compulsory continuation education who is absent from school without a valid excuse 3 full days in one school year or tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on 3 occasions in 1 school year, or any combination thereof, is a truant and shall be reported to the attendance supervisor or to the superintendent of the school district."

HABITUAL TRUANT: The student is absent from school without leave or explanation three (3) or more times per school year.

CHRONIC TRUANT: The student is 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: The student is 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]*)

Parents/Legal Guardians are responsible for a child's school attendance from age six (6) through eighteen (18) - CA Ed Code 48200.



Acceptable Reasons for Excused Absences

The student must be given an opportunity to complete school work which is reasonably close to, but not necessarily identical, to missed work.

1. Personal illness (**the 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. Medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic appointments (**doctor's note required**)
4. Funeral services of a member of the student's immediate family (Limited to one (1) day in state, and three (3) days out of state)
5. Student serving on a jury duty
6. Exclusion for illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent (not to exceed five (5) school days)
7. Personal court appearance (requires verification)
8. For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election
9. Spending time with a member of the student's immediate family, who is an active duty member of the uniformed services and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment to a combat zone or combat support position.
10. For the purpose of attending the student's naturalization ceremony to become a US citizen

Know the Rules



NOT Acceptable Reasons for Absences

The following list are reasons NOT acceptable for being absent and are considered truancies or unexcused absences during the regular school year.

1. Staying home to do chores or to run errands with other family members
2. Going to work with parent or other family member
3. Other family members are sick
4. Going on vacation
5. Waiting for service or repair people to arrive
6. Inclement weather – rainy, windy, hot, cold, etc.
7. Babysitting or taking care of other family members
8. Going to medical appointments with siblings or other family members
9. Visiting family
10. Too tired
11. Need to take medication
12. Conflicts with other students
13. Lack of transportation or missed bus
14. Joyriding or partying
15. Personal problems
16. Shopping
17. Camping
18. Attending a sporting event
19. Missed the school bus
20. Participating in a student demonstration off campus
21. Any other reason not included in "Acceptable Reasons for Excused Absences"