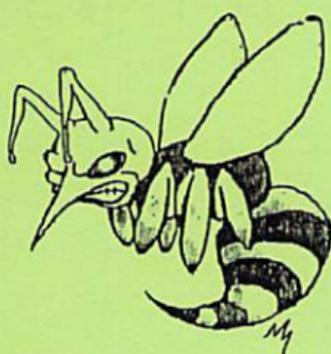


**SURPRISE VALLEY
JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

**PARENT AND STUDENT
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
REVIEW BOARD (SARB)**



MISSION STATEMENT
CULTIVATING responsible
learners and citizens through
ACTIVE student, family, and
community ENGAGEMENT

Superintendent
Janelle Anderson

TRUANCIES & UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Reasons **NOT** acceptable for being absent from school and are considered truancies or unexcused absences during the regular school year:

Truancy occurs if a student does the following:

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 bus.
15. Participating in a student demonstration off campus.
16. Any other reason not included in "Acceptable Reason for Excused Student Absences." See other side of pamphlet.

All absences must be verified or the absence becomes an unexcused absence or truancy.

The SARB Process as established by LAW

Third (3) unexcused absence:

Classified as a truant (reported to attendance administrator)

1st letter sent home.

Fourth (4) unexcused absence:

Second truancy (again reported to attendance administrator)

2nd letter and meeting with administrator.

Fifth (5) unexcused absences: Third truancy (classified as a habitual truant and subject to a summons to appear at a School Attendance Review Board (SARB).

Ed Code 48263.6 - Chronic Truant

Any student absent from school without a valid excuse for more than 10 percent of the school days in one school year from the date of enrollment to the current date.

NOTE: Ten (10) excused absences are considered excessive. Education Code Section 48260 - Any pupil subject to full-time education or to compulsory education who is absent from school without valid excuse more than three days or tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse or three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof, is a truant and shall be reported to the attendance administrator or superintendent of the school district.

PENALTIES

Ed Code 48293

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 or not more than \$100.00 plus penalties, which could amount to as much as \$375.00.

2nd Conviction A fine or not more than \$320.00 plus penalties, which could amount to as much as \$750.00.

3rd or Subsequent Conviction A fine of not more than \$500.00 plus penalties, which could amount to \$1,500.00.

13202.7 V.C. Any minor under the age of 18 years, but 13 years of age or older who is a habitual truant may have his/her driving privileges suspended for one year.

272(a)(i) P.C. Failure to enroll your student in an approved educational program could result in a \$2,500.00 fine and one year county jail, and probation for up to five years.

Parents are responsible for a child's attendance from age 6 until age 18.

(Ed Code 48200).

ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR EXCUSED
STUDENT'S ABSENCES

Ed Code 46010, 46010.3, 48205 - Students 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 doctor's note verifying absence after 10 days).
2. Quarantine under the direction of a health officer.
3. Personal medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic appointment.
4. Funeral services for a member of the immediate family (limited to one day in the state and three days out of state).
5. Student serving on jury duty.
6. Exclusion for illness or medical appointment of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent.
7. Personal court appearance (requires verification).
8. Prior Principal approval for employment conference.

9. Employment in the Entertainment Industry for a maximum of up to five absences per school year.
10. Observance of a religious holiday or ceremony (recommend three (3) days advance notice to school).
11. Religious retreat (limited to four hours per semester)
12. Prior Principal approval for reasons, which may not be included elsewhere, but are pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.

ED CODE 46014

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.

For further information, please contact the District SARB Coordinator:

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