

## MIDDLETOWN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Policy 5113.12: District School Attendance Review Board

**Adopted Date: 12/13/2023**

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.

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.

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)

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#### **Policy Reference Disclaimer:**

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

#### **State**

5 CCR 306

#### **Description**

Explanation of absence

5 CCR 420-421	Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes
Code of Civil Procedure 1985-1997	<a href="#">Production of evidence; means of production</a>
Ed. Code 1740	<a href="#">Employment of personnel to supervise attendance</a>
Ed. Code 1980-1986	<a href="#">County community school</a>
Ed. Code 46010-46015	<a href="#">Absences</a>
Ed. Code 48200-48208	<a href="#">Children ages 6-18; compulsory full-time attendance</a>
Ed. Code 48240-48246	<a href="#">Supervisors of attendance</a>
Ed. Code 48260-48273	<a href="#">Truants</a>
Ed. Code 48290-48297	<a href="#">Failure to comply; complaints against parents</a>
Ed. Code 48320-48325	<a href="#">School attendance review boards</a>
Ed. Code 48340-48341	<a href="#">Improvement of student attendance</a>
Ed. Code 48400-48403	<a href="#">Compulsory continuation education</a>
Ed. Code 48660-48666	<a href="#">Community day schools</a>
Ed. Code 49067	<a href="#">Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade</a>
Gov. Code 54950-54963	<a href="#">The Ralph M. Brown Act</a>
Pen. Code 270.1	<a href="#">Chronic truancy; parent/guardian misdemeanor</a>
Pen. Code 272	<a href="#">Parent/guardian duty to supervise and control minor child; criminal liability for truancy</a>
Pen. Code 830.1	<a href="#">Peace officers</a>
Veh. Code 13202.7	Driving privileges; minors; suspension or delay for habitual truancy
W&I Code 11253.5	<a href="#">Compulsory school attendance</a>
W&I Code 256-258	<a href="#">Juvenile hearing officer</a>
W&I Code 601-601.5	<a href="#">Habitually truant minors</a>
<b>Management Resources</b>	<b>Description</b>
California Department of Education Publication	School Attendance Review Board: A Road Map for Improved School Attendance and Behavior, rev. 2018
California Department of Education Publication	School Attendance Improvement Handbook, 2000
Court Decision	L.A. v. Superior Court of San Diego County, (2012) 209 Cal.App.4th 976
Website	<a href="#">CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</a>
Website	<a href="#">Attendance Works</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance</a>

Website [California Department of Education](#)

Website [CSBA](#)

## Cross References

Code	Description
5030	<a href="#">Student Wellness</a>
5112.5	<a href="#">Open/Closed Campus</a>
5113	<a href="#">Absences And Excuses</a>
5113	<a href="#">Absences And Excuses</a>
5113.1	<a href="#">Chronic Absence And Truancy</a>
5113.1	<a href="#">Chronic Absence And Truancy</a>
5113.11	<a href="#">Attendance Supervision</a>
5117	<a href="#">Interdistrict Attendance</a>
5117	<a href="#">Interdistrict Attendance</a>
5125	<a href="#">Student Records</a>
5125	<a href="#">Student Records</a>
5126	<a href="#">Awards For Achievement</a>
5126	<a href="#">Awards For Achievement</a>
5131	<a href="#">Conduct</a>
5131.2	<a href="#">Bullying</a>
5131.2	<a href="#">Bullying</a>
5137	<a href="#">Positive School Climate</a>
5141.6	<a href="#">School Health Services</a>
5141.6	<a href="#">School Health Services</a>
5145.3	<a href="#">Nondiscrimination/Harassment</a>
5145.3	<a href="#">Nondiscrimination/Harassment</a>
5146	<a href="#">Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students</a>
5147	<a href="#">Dropout Prevention</a>