

San Dieguito Union High School District

Attendance Supervision

AR 5113.11

Students

The Superintendent or designee shall appoint an attendance supervisor and any assistant attendance supervisor(s) as may be necessary to supervise the attendance of district students.

Education Code 48241 and 48245 require an attendance supervisor certificated for the work by the County Board of Education. However, it is not clear that all county boards currently provide this function.

Any person appointed as an attendance supervisor shall be appropriately certificated to perform the work.

Such supervisors shall perform duties related to compulsory full-time education, truancy, compulsory continuation education, work permits, and any additional duties prescribed by the Superintendent or designee.

The attendance supervisor shall promote a culture of attendance and establish a system to accurately track student attendance in order to achieve all of the following:

1. Raise the awareness of school personnel, parents/guardians, caregivers, community partners, and local businesses of the effects of chronic absenteeism and truancy and other challenges associated with poor attendance
2. Identify and respond to grade level or student subgroup patterns of chronic absenteeism or truancy
3. Identify and address factors contributing to chronic absenteeism and habitual truancy, including suspension and expulsion
4. Ensure that students with attendance problems are identified as early as possible to provide applicable support services and interventions
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of strategies implemented to reduce chronic absenteeism rates and truancy rates

The attendance supervisor may provide support services and interventions, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. A conference between school personnel, the student's parent/guardian, and the student
2. Promotion of cocurricular and extracurricular activities that increase student connectedness to school, such as tutoring, mentoring, the arts, service learning, or

athletics

3. Recognition of students who achieve excellent attendance or demonstrate significant improvement in attendance
4. Referral of the student to a school nurse, school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, and other student support personnel for case management and counseling
5. Collaboration with child welfare services, law enforcement, courts, public health care agencies, government agencies, or medical, mental health, and oral health care providers to receive necessary services
6. Collaboration with school study teams, guidance teams, school attendance review teams, or other intervention-related teams to assess the attendance or behavior problem in partnership with the student and the student's parents/guardians or caregivers
7. In schools with significantly higher rates of chronic absenteeism, identification of barriers to attendance that may require school wide strategies rather than case management
8. Referral of the student for a comprehensive psychosocial or psychoeducational assessment, including for purposes of creating an individualized education program for a student with disabilities or creating a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973
9. Referral of the student to a school attendance review board (SARB) established pursuant to Education Code 48321 or to the probation department pursuant to Education Code 48263
10. Referral of the student to a truancy mediation program operated by the county's district attorney or probation officer pursuant to Education Code 48260.6

Upon receiving any complaint that a parent/guardian or other person having control or charge of a student has violated Education Code 48200-48341, the state compulsory education laws, the attendance supervisor shall investigate the matter and, if a violation is found, shall recommend referral to a SARB. If the district subsequently notified by the SARB that the parent/guardian continually and willfully has failed to respond to the directives of the SARB or the services provided, the attendance supervisor shall refer the matter for possible prosecution in court in accordance with Education Code 48291-48292, as applicable.

The attendance supervisor shall gather and transmit to the County Superintendent of Schools the number and types of referrals made to the SARB and of the requests for petitions made to the juvenile court.

The attendance supervisor shall annually report student attendance data to the Superintendent or designee and the Governing Board. Such data shall include, by school, grade level, and each numerically significant student subgroup as defined in Education Code 52052, rates of school

attendance, chronic absence in which students are absent on 10 percent or more of the school days in the school year, and dropout.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1740 Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county superintendent)

37223 Weekend classes

46000 Records (attendance)

46010-46014 Absences

46110-46119 Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools

46140-46147 Attendance in junior high and high schools

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

52052 Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

60901 Chronic absence

PENAL CODE

270.1 Chronic truancy; parent/guardian misdemeanor

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

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

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

School Attendance Review Board Handbook, 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>

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