

El Dorado County Office of Education  
**School Attendance Review Board (SARB)**

**F A C T S H E E T**

**Purpose**

The School Attendance Review Board (SARB), established by the California legislature in 1975, is a multi-disciplinary, systematic approach to improving student attendance and thus school achievement. SARB provides intensive guidance to students and families and links them to focused services to address the underlying causes of poor attendance and lack of school success. SARB monitors and engages with families over time to ensure that SARB directives are being followed and that services are effecting needed change. In the absence of sufficient progress or willful or continued failure to respond, SARB refers students and/or families to the court system.

**Process**

**The Referral**

Schools refer students with attendance problems and behavior and achievement issues after school-based interventions have failed.

**The Directive**

SARB meets with students and their parents to assess causes and previous interventions and then directs families to engage in a variety of assistive opportunities. For example, SARB may direct students or parents to:

- Participate in individual or group counseling
- Attend parenting classes
- Receive school-based academic support
- Arrange for accompanying child to class or for a volunteer escort
- Obtain health-related services

**The Response**

SARB will monitor progress systematically and alter written directives as needed to address new or changing issues, provide support and encouragement, and refer student or family to court if there is insufficient progress or a willful failure to respond.

**Laws**

**Penal Code, Section 270.1**

Compulsory Education Penalties for Parents of Chronic Truants, a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2000 or by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed one year, or by both.

**Penal Code, Section 272**

Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor

**Education Code, Sections:**

48200 (Students required to attend school)

48263 (Habitually truant or habitually insubordinate students may be referred to SARB)

48292 (Failure to attend school may result in a filing of a complaint against the parents with the District Attorney's Office)

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**R E P R E S E N T A T I V E S**

**Appointed by the County Superintendent of Schools:**

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**El Dorado County Agencies**

- Child Protective Services
- District Attorney's Office
- Placerville Police Department
- Probation Department
- Public Health Department
- Sheriff's Department
- Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Police Department
- EDCOE Homeless Education Liaison
- County Mental Health: Friday Night Live/ Drug Court

**District/Schools**

- El Dorado Union High School District
- EDCOE Charter Alternative Programs

**Community Groups**

- New Morning Youth & Family Services
- NMYFS Latino Outreach
- Shingle Springs Band of Miwoks Tribal Court
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Retired Educators & Community Volunteers