

Argus and Endeavor Attendance Procedures

The Argus and Endeavor faculty and administration believe an important segment of education is participation in classroom activities on a daily basis. The school's attendance policy is designed to ensure that students comply with the state's compulsory education law and receive the maximum benefit from their education at Argus and Endeavor.

Absences must be cleared within 48 hours of return to school. Clearing absences from any class is the responsibility of the student and the parent. Absences may be cleared by a parent signed note or by a parent phone call. The automated attendance dialer will contact parents of students whose absences were not cleared.

Student Attendance Review Board (E.C. 48320-48324, 48292-48293)

The Education Code provides for the establishment of School Attendance Review Boards (SARB) to meet the special needs of pupils with school attendance problems or school behavior problems. The School Attendance Review Board may include a parent and representatives of (1) the school, (2) the County Probation Department, (3) County Welfare Department, and (4) a representative of the County Superintendent of Schools (5) and a representative of the District Attorney's Office.

The SARB has the authority to recommend that parents and students take certain measures to correct inappropriate behavior, refer the pupil to community agencies for assistance, or suggest adjustments to the school assignment. In the event that a parent or guardian or pupil fails to respond to the directives of the SARB or to services offered on behalf of the minor, the SARB may:

1. Direct that the minor be referred to the county welfare department under Section 300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
2. Direct that the minor be referred to the county probation department under Section 601 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
3. Request the Supervisor, Child Welfare and Attendance, to file a complaint against the parent, guardian, or other person in charge of such minor with the District Attorney.

The parent/guardian of any pupil who fails to comply with the directives of the SARB, unless excused or exempted, is guilty of an infraction and shall be punished as follows:

1. Upon conviction, by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each infraction.
2. Upon a second conviction, by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each infraction.
3. Upon a third or subsequent conviction, by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each infraction.
4. In lieu of imposing the fines prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2), the court may order such person to be placed in a parent education and counseling program.