

Adelanto Elementary School District



Parent & Student SARB Information Pamphlet

School Attendance Review Board
California Education Code 48320

**Absence Must Be Cleared
Within Three Days**

The SARB Process As established by Law

3 unexcused absences or absent or tardy more than any 30 minute period without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year or a combination thereof = Truant (reported to attendance supervisor)

4th unexcused absence = Second truancy (again reported to attendance supervisor)

5th unexcused absence = Third truancy (again reported to attendance supervisor)
(Classified as an habitual truant and subject to a summons to appear at a **SARB** hearing)

Note: Ten (10) excused absences is considered to be excessive. A physician's verification is required by School Board AR 5113(c) (4) (b) after 14 excused absences for illness. A student who has ten (10) or more absences due to illness is subject to the **SARB** process to determine if an alternative education program is appropriate.

Parents are responsible for a child's attendance from age 6 through age 18 (48200 Ed. Code).

Note: Absence must be cleared within 3 days.

Penalties §48293 Education Code

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 of not more than \$100.00 plus penalties could amount to as much as \$486.00

2nd Conviction A fine of not more than \$250.00 plus penalties could amount to as much as \$1086.00

3rd or Subsequent Conviction A fine of not more than \$500.00 plus penalties could amount to As much as \$2000.86

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

ABSENCES **UNEXCUSED & EXCUSED**

Reasons NOT Acceptable for Being Absent from School and are Considered Truancies or Unexcused Absences during Regular School Year

(Truant if student does the following;
Unexcused if parent requires student to do 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. Any other reason not included in Acceptable Reasons for Excused Student Absences

ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR EXCUSED STUDENT ABSENCES

(§46010, 46010.5, 48205 Ed. Code) Student 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 and will require doctor's verification after 14 days of absence pursuant to School Board Policy).
2. Quarantine under the direction of a health officer
3. Personal medical appointment (requires a doctor's note)
4. Funeral services of parent, sibling, grandparent, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or any relative living in the immediate household of the child. (Limited to **one** day in the state, and **three** days out of state).
5. Student serving on jury duty
6. Exclusion for medical reasons (not to exceed 5 school days)
7. Person court appearance (requires verification)
8. Prior Principal approval for employment conference
9. Employment in the Movie industry (recommend at least three (3) days advance notice to school)
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. For the purpose of spending time with a member of the pupil's immediate family, who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in Section 49701, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment to a combat zone or combat support position. Absences granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the superintendent of the school district.
13. Other reasons that are within the discretion of school administrators, and based on the factors of the pupil's circumstances, are deemed to constitute a valid excuse.

Religious Observance or Exercise for moral or religious instruction; limited to four (4) days per month. Student must attend minimum school day hours. Recommend three(3) days advance written request from parent.

**Parent must verify any absence within (3) days.
After (3) days the absence will be permanently unexcused and considered truancy.**