

## TRUANCIES & UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

**Reasons NOT acceptable for being absent from school and are considered truancies or unexcused absences during the regular school year.**

Truancy occurs if a student does 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 Reason for Excused Students Absences." See other side of pamphlet.
15. Bus not available/missing bus
16. Participating in a student demonstration off campus

**All absences must be verified or the absence becomes an unexcused absence or truancy.**

## The SARB Process as Established by LAW

**Third (3) unexcused** absences:  
Classified as a Truant (reported to attendance administrator)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Letter sent home**

**Fourth (4) unexcused** absences:  
Second truancy (again reported to attendance administrator)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Letter and** meeting with administrator.

**Fifth (5) unexcused** absences: Third truancy (classified as a habitual truant and subject to a summons to appear at a **School Attendance Review Board (SARB)**).

**Ed. Code 48263.6 – Chronic Truant**  
Any student absent from school without a valid excuse for more than 10 percent of the school days in one school year from the date of enrollment to the current date.

**NOTE:** Ten (10) excused absences are considered excessive.  
Education Code Section 48260 – Any pupil subject to full-time education or to compulsory education who is absent from school without valid excuse more than three days or **tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse or three occasions in one school year**, or any combination thereof, is a truant and shall be reported to the attendance administrator or superintendent of the school district.

## PENALTIES Ed Code 48293

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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Conviction** A fine or not more than \$100.00 plus penalties, which could amount to as much as \$375.00.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Conviction** A fine or not more than \$320.00 plus penalties, which could amount to as much as \$750.00

**3<sup>rd</sup> or Subsequent Conviction** A fine of not more than \$500.00 plus penalties, which could amount to \$1,500.00.

**13202.7 V.C.** Any minor under the age of 18 years, but 13 years or age or older who is a habitual truant may have his/her driving privileges suspended for one year.

**272(a)(i) P.C.** Failure to enroll your student in an approved educational program could result in a \$2,500.00 fine + 1 year county jail + probation for up to 5 years

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

## **ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR EXCUSED STUDENT'S ABSENCES**

Ed Code 46010, 46010.3, 48205 –

Student must be given an opportunity complete work which is reasonably close to, but not necessarily identical to, missed work.

1. Personal illness (school may require doctor's note verifying absence after 10 days)
2. Quarantine under the direction of a health officer
3. Personal medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic appointment
4. Funeral services for a member of the immediate family (limited to one day in the state and three days out of state)
5. Student serving on jury duty
6. Exclusion for illness or medical appointment of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent
7. Personal court appearance (requires verification)
8. Prior Principal approval for employment conference
9. Employment in the Entertainment Industry for a maximum of up to five absences per school year

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. Prior Principal approval for reasons, which may not be included elsewhere, but are pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.

### **Ed Code 46014**

#### **The following requires a Board-adopted resolution:**

Religious observance or exercise for moral or religious instruction limited to four (4) days per month. Student must attend minimum school day hours.

For further information, please contact the County SARB Chair:

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## **MODOC COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

### **PARENT AND STUDENT**

### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD (SARB) INFORMATION PAMPHLET**



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Modoc County Office of Education promotes the academic, social, and vocational excellence of all students in the county.

**Superintendent**  
Mike Martin