

## **Truancy Consequences**

### **Attendance Requirements**

According to Education Code 48260, any pupil subject to compulsory full-time education or to compulsory continuation education who is absent from school without valid excuse three full days in one school year or tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof, is a truant and shall be reported to the attendance supervisor. Any student who is absent from school without a valid excuse for ten percent or more of the school days in one school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date, is deemed a chronic truant.

### **Truancy Interventions (unexcused absences)**

- **3 absences - 1<sup>st</sup> Truancy Letter - serves as a reminder to the parent/guardian to address the student's attendance issues and to avoid possible future truancy. (Student/parent conference may be required at middle and high school). Truancy issues may lead to ineligibility for extracurricular activities i.e. dances, sporting events, field trips, and proms.**
- **6 absences - 2<sup>nd</sup> Truancy Letter - Student Attendance Review Team (SART) Meeting with the Principal or Assistant Principal, Counselor, Parent, and Student (Attendance Contract)**
- **9 absences - 3<sup>rd</sup> Truancy Letter - Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) Meeting at the District Office. This is a truancy mediation program mediated by the county's district attorney or probation officer, and/or a juvenile court. Also in attendance are the Student Resource Officer (SRO), District Personnel, School Administrator, Parent, and Student.**
- **Excessive excused absences – after 11 excused absences for illness, a doctor's note is required for every subsequent absence. When there is no doctor's note, the absence becomes unexcused and truancy letters will be generated.**