

Good Morning I am _____ The Shasta County SARB Board Chairperson.
This is a meeting of the School Attendance Review Board.

The Shasta County School Attendance Review Board, or SARB, is created by California State Law as an alternative to the juvenile justice system for resolving school truancy and behavior problems of students. SARB is made up of educators & representatives from the community who are concerned that all children in Shasta County receive the education that they are entitled to by law. This board becomes involved after the school has made a maximum effort to correct the problem.

I would like to begin by having the panel, family members and students introduce themselves...

Before hearing the presentation of this case from the schools representative, I would like for you to verify that the address and phone numbers listed in the district records are correct. Please review this information and let us know if there are any corrections that need to be made at this time.

CA Education Code 48263 authorizes the SARB Panel to respond to cases involving habitual truancy, irregular attendance or habitual school behaviors and disruptions. Our purpose is to work with you to develop interventions and supports that will correct the issues of concerns without having to involve the courts.

- We will begin with a presentation of the case by the school's representative. (< 5 minutes)
- Following the presentation, the family and student will have an opportunity to respond. (< 5 minutes)
- The SARB panel will have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions of the family members, student and school personnel. (< 8 minutes)
- When we've finished with questions, the school representative, family and student will be asked to step outside of the room while a plan of action is established by the board. (< 5 minutes)
- All parties involved will then be invited back to the meeting and the board directives will be read aloud. (< 5 minutes)
- The panel can choose from four possible outcomes as a result of this hearing:
 1. The panel may choose to dismiss the case at this time.
 2. The panel may choose to monitor the case and reconvene if necessary, at a later date.
 3. The panel may choose to issue directives that will be binding on the student and parent/guardian. Should the panel choose this option, it may

also seek prosecution if the student or parent/guardian fails to follow the directives outlined in the SARB contract.

4. The panel may choose to make an immediate referral for prosecution to the District Attorney's Office.

Do you have any questions about the procedure which we will follow today?
Let's begin with the school's presentation.....

Sign the Contract

When the family is seated you read the contract to them. If the student is being sent to a different school you also read the following statement:

As a parent or guardian of (students name), you must present proof to the SARB chairperson of your child's enrollment in a valid school within one week of this SARB meeting. If you fail to do this, infraction charges can be filed by the District Attorney for violation of Education Code 48200/48293. This can result in a fine, or if there is further non-compliance it can result in misdemeanor charges being filed for violation of Penal Code 272 which can result in jail time, probation, a fine, or all of these penalties.