



ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of Child Welfare, Attendance & Records

Attendance Policy

The mission of the Ontario-Montclair School District is: Whatever it takes, we guarantee our commitment to the highest quality education for all students. Students who are excessively absent from school are not able to accomplish their educational goals. According to the California Compulsory Attendance Laws (Education Code 28200), parents and students are responsible for regular school attendance. Occasionally, a student must be absent from school for reasons which are acceptable to the school and the courts, such as illness, medical appointments, or a death of an immediate family member. Please send a note to school following an absence explaining the reason for your child's absence.

The District Attendance policy states:

- 1. Ten or more days of excused absences within a school year are considered excessive and may require a doctor's note to excuse subsequent absences. The district has created a policy to address excessive excused absences which requires signing an Attendance Contract after 11 days and being referred to a School Attendance Review Board (SARB) hearing if the absences continue. Excused absences include full day absences and/or tardies and early releases for less than 30 minutes.**
- 2. Three (3) days of unexcused absences, or tardies for more than 30 minutes, or early releases for more than 30 minutes, or any other partial day absence for more than 30 minutes without a valid excuse, or any combination thereof within a school year, will result in the school mailing the parent/guardian the 1st Truancy Report letter. This notification asks for the parent's/guardian's help with their student's attendance and warns of the consequences for further absences.**
- 3. After five (5) days of unexcused absences, or tardies for more than 30 minutes, or early releases for more than 30 minutes, or any other partial day absence for more than 30 minutes without a valid excuse, or any combination thereof within a school year, the school will mail the 2nd Truancy Report letter. This letter requires the parent/guardian to attend a meeting at the school (SART) and sign an Attendance Review Contract. The intent of the meeting is to create and implement a written plan and to determine if there are any services the school may provide to assist the family with attendance issues.**
- 4. After seven (7) day of unexcused absences, or tardies for more than 30 minutes, or early releases for more than 30 minutes, or any combination thereof within a school year, the school will mail the 3rd Truancy Report letter. This letter declares the student a "Habitual Truant" and informs parent/guardian that the next absence will result in the family being required to attend a School Attendance Review Board (SARB) hearing with the District Attorney of the San Bernardino County. At this meeting a SARB contract is signed.**
- 5. After nine (9) days of unexcused absences and/or tardies within a school year, the district will mail the parent/guardian a summons to appear at a School Attendance Review Board (SARB) hearing. Failure to appear may result in a citation being issued to the parent/guardian. Parents/Guardians and students who fail to abide by the stipulations of the SARB contract may also receive a citation and summons to appear before the court.**

Parents/Guardians are advised to check, when necessary, with the school attendance clerk concerning the number of excused and unexcused absences their student(s) may have. The Ontario-Montclair School District appreciates the efforts of parents/guardians in assisting us to deliver a quality education to all students.

For questions regarding the district attendance policy, please contact the Child Welfare, Attendance & Records Office at (909) 459-2500 ext. 6477.