



# KEEPING STUDENTS IN SCHOOL

## Exemplary Attendance Programs Recognized



The California Department of Education (CDE) awarded 27 school districts for recognition of the work of their School Attendance Review Boards (SARBs). These districts demonstrated excellence in providing three tiers of support to students and their families. The result led to better school attendance for the 2016–17 school year. Activities in the first tier focus on preventing attendance problems, activities in the second tier provide early interventions for minor attendance problems, and activities in the third tier address intensive barriers to school attendance.

The number of model SARBs identified was three times the number awarded in 2015–16. This increase dramatically reflects the success of multi-tiered systems in California to keep students in school.

Chronic student absenteeism is a crisis, dragging down the achievement of one in four children in some communities. Chronic absenteeism increases the likelihood that certain groups of students will drop out of school, including children living in poverty, African Americans, Native Americans, foster youths, and other at-risk students. Poor attendance and habitual truancy also cost California school districts millions of dollars each year.

Model SARBs in the school districts named on the right serve as mentors to other school districts. As districts develop their own Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) goals for reducing chronic absenteeism and dropout rates, the hope is that these models will help demonstrate how a multi-tiered systems approach works.

### 2016–17 Model School Districts with Excellent School Attendance Programs

- Alhambra Unified School District
- Alvord Unified School District
- Banning Unified School District
- Capistrano Unified School District
- Centinela Valley Union High School District
- Chino Valley Unified School District
- Colton Joint Unified School District
- Corona-Norco Unified School District
- Desert Sands Unified School District
- Escondido Union School District
- Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District
- Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District
- Fontana Unified School District
- Fremont Unified School District
- Hacienda La Puente Unified School District
- Hemet Unified School District
- John Swett Unified School District
- Jurupa Unified School District
- Long Beach Unified School District
- Pittsburg Unified School District
- Rialto Unified School District
- Riverside Unified School District
- Romoland Elementary School District
- Sanger Unified School District
- Santa Ana Unified School District
- Twin Rivers Unified School District
- Westminster Elementary School District

