#### **PSA Counselors:**

- Are experts in interpreting and enforcing state/federal laws and LAUSD policies/ laws pertaining to due process, enrollment, child welfare and attendance. Serve as advocates for all pupils, with special emphasis on at-risk and under-achieving youth.
- Directly assist students with attendance, school adjustment, and social/ emotional issues through in-home and/or schoolbased individual/group counseling.
- Conduct home visits and provide case management to students with chronic attendance problems.
- Assess and address school, home and community barriers that prevent students from attending school.
- Provide school and community resource referrals.
- Assist in enrollment, school placement and alternative educational options.
- Initiate the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) process.
- Develop and implement plans and strategies to maximize in-seat attendance and reduce drop out rate.
- Collaborate with City and District Attorneys, law enforcement, probation, DPSS, DCFS and other community agencies.

# Other caring individuals at Arleta



**Other caring Individuals** 

Administrators

Academic Counselors

**Diploma Project Counselor** 

College Advisor

PSA Counselor

School Psychologist

Deans

Teachers

Nurse

SLC offices

SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### 2011-2012

First day of Instruction: August 5, 2011

Instructional Days: August 5, 2011– November 18, 2011

Non instructional days: November 21, 2011-November 25, 2011

Instructional Days: November 28, 2011– December 16, 2011

Non Instructional days: December 19, 2011-February 2, 2012

Instructional Days: February 3, 2012-March 29, 2012

Spring Break: April 2, 2012 - April 6, 2012

Instructional Days: April 9, 2012–June 22, 2012

TIPS FOR PARENTS

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SUCCESS BEGINS WITH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Arleta High School says "**No**" to Empty seats!

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## FOR YOUR Information

#### **Compulsory Education Law**

All persons between the ages of 6 and 18 years are required by California law to attend school. Parents have legal responsibility to ensure that their child attend school. **Education Code 48200** 

A student's refusal to attend school regularly can result in referral to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB), Juvenile Probation, and the Juvenile Court System. Education Code 48263

#### **IMPORTANT PROCEDURES:**

Contact your child's Small Learning Community each morning your child is absent.

- The day she/he returns to school, provide the student with a note which lists the date( s) of absences, student name, and the reason for the absence.
- Provide the school with the name and telephone number of a responsible adult who could be contacted in an emergency (keep telephone numbers updated).

#### **Changes in Truancy Accounting and**

Reporting

#### Unexcused Absence:

- Running Errands for family
- Vacation or trips
- Unverified illness
- Family Emergency
- Transportation problems
- Bad weather
- Baby sitting
- Extended Funeral Absences

#### Truant:

 Truant-Absent from class without school or parent /guardian permission

Un-cleared Absence:

- No note, school attempted to obtain verification
- A student will be counted as truant when there are three full days in a school year of any of the above absence codes.

Arleta High School recognizes the impact and correlation between regular student attendance and student achievement . We are committed in our efforts to close the achievement gap and help student s graduate.

A recent law changed the way that schools receive state funding. It is important that you understand this law and support our efforts to increase attendance at Arleta High School, so that our school will not lose a large amount of annual funding.

Schools no longer receive money for excused absences. Schools now only receive funding for students who are actually in class. Everyday a student misses school, **even for excused absences**, the school loses about \$40.00 in income per missed day per student. We ask your support in our efforts to increase student attendance by:

- Planning your family vacations during the summer or winter school holidays.
- Schedule doctor appointments for your child after school hours
- Allow your child to stay home only when he/she has a contagious illness or is too sick to be comfortable at school.

Remember, too, that good student attendance not only benefits our school, but also benefits your child. Every day a student misses school, he gets more than two days behind . He/ She will have to catch up with new learning at the same time. Every day a student is in school, he/she raises their chance to score well on tests. The mission of our school district is" 96% in seat attendance", and we need your support!

### ARLETA HIGH SCHOOL

How can I Help My Child?

- Let your child know that school is important.
- Make sure your child goes to school everyday and on time.
- Get involved in your child's school work.
- Make sure your child has plenty of time to get ready for school.
- If your child is ill, contact the school and explain the reason for the absence.
- Post the school calendar and notes on the refrigerator, or another prominent location.
- Set a regular bedtime schedule. Age is not a factor.
- Maintain contact with the school.
- Don't expect your child to stay home and babysit for younger children.
- Limit and or balance Extracurricular activities.
- Understand Attendance Educational and Compulsory Law.