

Administrative Regulation

Absence, Approval for Religious Purposes

Pupils, with the written consent of parent(s) or guardian(s), may be excused from school to participate in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction.

Since such permissive absences shall not be deemed absences in computing average daily attendance, the following conditions must be met:

- A. Each pupil so excused shall attend school at least the minimum school day for his grade for elementary schools, and as provided by the relevant provisions of the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education for secondary schools.
- B. In no case shall the release time be more than one classroom period at the 7-12 level or more than one hour at the K-6 level.
- C. No pupil shall be excused from school for such purpose as described in Board Policy 5114 more than four times per school month.
- D. It shall be the pupil's responsibility to obtain and complete required assignments for any class work missed while participating in such religious exercises or while receiving moral and religious instruction.
- E. Individual schools are responsible for making arrangements and setting up procedures for the release of students participating in such approved instruction and for their students being in attendance a minimum day. Such procedures shall be devised and implemented so as to be the least disruptive to the total educational program of the school and shall include the verification and retention of written parental consent forms.
- F. Parents shall assume all responsibility for any transportation necessary to and/or from the school site for such participation in religious exercises.

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