

STUDENTSATTENDANCE - RELEASE TIME FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION/OBSERVANCE

Any student who is absent from school on a particular day or days or at a particular time of day for the reason that the student is unable to attend classes or to participate in any examination, study, or work requirements on a particular day or days or at a particular time of day, because of the observance of a religious holiday or because the tenets of the student's religion forbid secular activity on a particular day or days or at a particular time of day, shall be excused from any examination or any study or work assignments on such days or at such times provided the parent or guardian of such student shall have given five (5) days advance notice of the child's intended absence to the Principal of the school attended.

No student excused from attending school in accordance with this policy shall be required to submit a written excuse for such absence after returning to school.

Staff members shall make available to any student who is absent because of the observance of a religious holiday an equivalent opportunity to make up any examination, study or work requirement which is missed. No specials fees shall be charged to the student for making available to the student such equivalent opportunity.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois School Code, Sec. 26.1 and 26.2b (105 ILCS 5/26.1 and 5/26-2b).

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