

Request for Excused Absence for Educational Reasons

The North Carolina General Assembly passed General Statute 115C-378, entitled the Compulsory Attendance Law, in 1955 and amended it through 1992. This law, in conjunction with the rules and regulations of the North Carolina State Board of Education, makes parents and legal guardians responsible and accountable to insure that their children's absences from school are valid. Seven (7) types of valid absences are established by the rules and regulations set forth by the State Board of Education. Two of those types are absences resulting from religious observances and educational opportunities of a significant nature. The Wake County Board of Education Policy 6000 requires advanced permission for excused absences for educational purposes. The principal should deny the request if the cumulative effect of such absences would substantially interfere with the education of the student. If the principal does not approve this request, you will be promptly notified.

REQUEST FOR ABSENCE TO BE EXCUSED ON EDUCATIONAL GROUNDS

For an excused absence for educational reasons, the intent of the experience should have been educational from the outset and comparable to that which the student would have experienced in school. Family trips and vacations that were not designed, initially, to be educational will not be excused. Signing this form confirms that this absence is for valid educational purposes.

As the parent/guardian of _____, I state that the absence from school for the
[Print Student's Name]

date(s) of _____ is an educational opportunity that is of
[Print date(s) of intended absence]

comparable value to my child's regular attendance at Sanderson High School.

Briefly describe the educational opportunity: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____ Student's Grade Level: _____

Teacher Signatures:

1st period _____ 2nd period _____

3rd period _____ 4th period _____

Submit completed form to Dr. Decker, at least one week in advance of the requested absence(s).

This absence is APPROVED / NOT APPROVED for excused status due to educational reasons.

Principal (or Designee's) Signature

Date