



Board of Director's Policy Students 500 Series

Policy # 500.29

Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance

A student shall be released from school, as an excused absence, to observe a religious holiday or for religious instruction. The student's parent/guardian must give written or verbal notice to the School Administration at least 5 calendar days before the student's anticipated absence(s). This notice shall satisfy the School's requirement for a written excuse when the student returns to school.

The Executive Director shall develop and distribute to teachers appropriate procedures regarding student absences for religious reasons and include a list of religious holidays on which a student shall be excused from school attendance, how teachers are notified of a student's impending absence, and the State law requirement that teachers provide the student with an equivalent opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work requirement.

LEGAL REF.:

Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 775 ILCS 35/
105 ILCS 5/26-1 and 5/26-2b.

Adoption Dates:

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