

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 Surry County Board of Education Policy 4400 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 documents that this absence is for valid educational purposes.

As the parent or guardian of _____, I state that
(Student's Name)

the absence from school for the dates of _____
(Date/s)

is an educational opportunity that is of comparable value to my child's regular attendance in school.

School/Grade: _____

Teacher/Homeroom: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Please briefly describe the educational opportunity.

_____ Approved _____ Not Approved

Principal (or Designee's) Signature

Date