

Students

Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance

A student shall be released from school, as an excused absence, ~~because of religious reasons, including to observe a religious holiday or, for religious instruction, or because the student's religion forbids secular activity on a particular day(s) or time of day.~~ The student's parent/guardian must give written notice to the Building Principal at least five calendar days before the ~~student's~~student's anticipated absence-~~(s)~~.

~~This notice shall satisfy the District's requirement for a written excuse when the student returns to school.~~

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and distribute to teachers appropriate procedures regarding student absences for ~~a religious reasons and include a list of religious holidays on which a student shall be excused from school attendance,~~religious reasons, including how teachers are notified of a ~~student's~~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.: ~~105 ILCS 5/26-1 and 5/26-2b.~~
775 ILCS 35/, Religious Freedom Restoration Act, ~~775 ILCS 35/5.~~
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CROSS REF.: 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy)

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