

**ABSENCES FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

The School Board desires to cooperate with those parents who wish to provide for religious instruction for their children but also recognizes its responsibility to enforce the attendance requirements of the State.

Upon the signed request of a student's parent, the Board will allow exceptions to the student's continuous attendance at school for religious instruction by an authorized church or religious organization for no more than 120 minutes per week.

A student must be properly registered and a copy of such registration must be filed with the principal.

The time for release for religious instruction or education shall be arranged by the principal. He/She will also assure the appropriate continuance of the instructional program in the public school during such release times.

No solicitation for attendance at religious instruction shall be permitted on Corporation premises. No staff member shall encourage or discourage participation in any religious instructional program.

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