

ABSENCES FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

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

Upon the signed request of a student's parent/guardian, the Board will allow exceptions to the student's continuous attendance at school:

- A. for religious instruction outside the school building for no more than two (2) class hours per week;
- B. for attendance at confirmation classes provided the child is twelve (12) or thirteen (13) years of age and the instructional period is no longer than five (5) months in either of those years.

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 in keeping with the regulations of the State Board of Education. S/He 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 District premises. No member of the staff shall encourage nor discourage participation in any religious instruction program.

M.C.L.A. 380.1561(3c)
A.C. Rule R340.71, R340.74

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