
Students**Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance**

Summary: A student will be excused from attending school if the absence is to observe a religious holiday or for religious instruction.

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 School Principal at least 5 calendar days before the student's anticipated absence(s).

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and distribute to teachers appropriate procedures regarding student absences for religious reasons, including how teachers are notified of a student's impending absence, and the State law requirement that teachers will provide the student with an equivalent opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work requirement.

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

CROSS REF.: 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy)

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