

RELEASED TIME

Students, with the written consent of their parents or guardians, may be excused from school in order to participate in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction at their respective places of worship or at other suitable place or places away from school property designated by the religious group, church, or denomination, which shall be in addition and supplementary to the instruction in manners and morals required by the Education Code. Students complying with the following regulations shall not be deemed absent in computing the average daily attendance:

1. Written request from the parent must be made at least one (1) day in advance of the anticipated absence.
2. Requests to be excused from school under this policy must be clearly labeled and include the length of the anticipated absence and the amount of instruction that the student is to receive each day while absent from school.
3. Students excused under provisions of this policy shall attend school at least the minimum school day for students of their grade level as defined in the Education Code.
4. No student shall be excused from school for such purpose on more than four (4) days per school month.

LEGAL REFERENCE**CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE**

46014 Regulations regarding absences for religious purposes