

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES FOR NATIONALLY RANKED STUDENT ATHLETES

In order for the Board of Education to fulfill its responsibility to provide a thorough education, students are required to maintain a high level of school attendance. Absences caused by participation in tournaments at the national and regional level will count as excused up to a maximum of ten days. As excused absences, these days still count toward the cumulative absence total of 15 days a student is allowed to miss before risking loss of credit. The school shall be notified of all such absences in advance by written request from the student's parent/guardian, stating the reason(s) for the anticipated absence.

The Board also recognizes that from time to time compelling circumstances will require a student to miss school or be dismissed before the end of the school day.

Policy #5113 allows for the "regular release of pupils before the end of the regular school day, if the release can be shown to have positive benefits for the student." In cases where a long term schedule adjustment can be made without impacting a student's ability to complete his/her graduation requirement, the authority to do so shall rest with the High School Principal and the Director of Counseling Services. Denials of such a schedule adjustment can be appealed to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

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Cross References: 5110 Attendance
5113 Absences and Excuses

