

WESTMORLAND UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 5006: ABSENCES FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES

- A. Pursuant to Education Code section 46014, the District may allow pupils to be absent for religious instruction or to participate in religious exercises away from school property. Such absences shall be considered excused absences subject to the following:
1. The pupil shall attend at least the minimum school day.
 2. The pupil shall be excused for no more than four (4) school days per month.
 3. The District has received prior written consent of the parent/guardian.
- B. Pursuant to Education Code section 48205, a pupil shall be excused from school in order to observe a holiday or ceremony of his/her religion, or to attend a religious retreat if requested in writing by the parent/guardian and approved by the Superintendent or designee. Such absences shall be considered excused absences. Attendance at any religious retreats shall not exceed four hours per semester.
- C. Pupils absent from school for the reasons set forth in paragraph A above, shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit therefor. The teacher of any class from which a pupil is absent shall determine the tests and assignments which shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence

Legal Reference:

Education Code sections 46014, 48205

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