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Policy Manual

Section

5000 Students

ABSENCE FOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

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5225 - **ABSENCES FOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

It is the policy of the Board that absences from school for observance of a religious holiday or because the tenets of a student's religion forbid secular activity during a school day or portion thereof shall be excused subject to compliance with this policy.

The following religious holidays for which student absence will be excused:

Western Christian	Christmas; Good Friday
Jewish	Rosh Hashanah; Yom Kippur; Sukkot; Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah; Passover; Shavuot
Islamic	Beginning of Ramadan; Eid al-Fitr; Eid al-Adha; Al-Hijra; Ashura; Mawlid-al-Nabi
Hindu	Navaratri/Dassera; Diwali; Maha Shivaratri; Holi; Ramanavami; Varsakhi
Bahai	Birth of the Bab; Birth of Bahauallah; Naw-Ruz; Ridvan Festival; Declaration of the Bab; Ascension of the Bahauallah; Martyrdom of the Bab
Buddhist	Bodhi Day
Interfaith/African-American	Kwanzaa
Shinto	Gantan-sai
Chinese	Asian Lunar New Year
Eastern Orthodox	Holy Friday

Periodically, the Superintendent shall consult with religious institutions and leaders in the community with regard to modification of the above list of religious holidays. The Board, however, is not bound by the information provided to the Superintendent by religious institutions and leaders.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures and time limits to be observed:

- A. by students, teachers, and administrators in making available to each student, so excused, an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work assignment which has been missed;
- B. by a student's parent/legal guardian when giving prior notice of the student's intended absence; and
- C. when giving affected students and parents/legal guardians an opportunity to be heard in connection with the decision not to excuse an absence on a day or portion thereof which is not included in the above list of religious holidays.

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