

EXEMPTIONS TO COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

State law allows exemptions to the compulsory attendance requirements for several types of absences if the student makes up all work. These include the following activities and events:

- Religious holy days
- Required court appearances;
- Playing Taps at a funeral upon the written request of the deceased's family;
- Activities related to obtaining United States citizenship;
- Service as an election clerk;
- Documented health-care appointments for the student or a child of the student, including absences for recognized services for students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, and required screening, diagnosis, and treatment for Medicaid eligible students. A note from the health-care provider must be submitted upon the student's arrival or return to campus
- For students in the conservatorship (custody) of the state, mental health or therapy appointments; or court ordered family visitations or any other court-ordered activity, provided it is not practicable to schedule the student's participation in the activity outside of school hours.

In addition, a junior or senior student's absence of up to two days related to visiting a college or university will be considered an exemption, provided the student receives approval from the campus principal, follows the campus procedures to verify such a visit, and makes up any work missed. Approved college visit absences will not count against the student's exam exemptions.

Absences of up to two days in a school year will also be considered an exemption for a student serving as an early voting clerk, provided the student notifies his or her teachers and receives approval from the principal prior to the absences.

As listed in Section I at Accommodations for Children of Military Families, absences of up to five days will be excused for a student to visit with a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian who has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or immediately returned from certain deployments. Note: Family/individual vacations/visits scheduled during regular school days are not excusable absences or extenuating circumstances. These absences will be counted as unexcused absences regardless of the number of days missed.