

## **POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273**

Procedure Title: Student Attendance

Section Title: Release Time

Sub-Section No. 501.9b

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The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to excuse full-time students from school for regular religious instruction or for other purposes in compliance with Idaho Code and IDAPA rules.

Students in grades 9-12 may be excused from school provided that no student will be excused in excess of five (5) periods in a school week or one hundred sixty-five (165) hours in any given school year. Release time shall not reduce the district graduation requirements.

The Board shall, in its sole discretion, determine release time(s).

No student will be permitted to attend release time programs except upon written request from a parent or guardian filed with the school principal. The written request will become part of the student's permanent record.

Release time must occur off district premises during regular school hours and shall not interfere with the scheduling of classes, activities and programs of public schools. No credit shall be given for completion of courses during release time. Credit may be granted for other purposes, at the discretion of the Board. Registration for release time programs shall not occur on school property.

The district is not responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of a student participating in a release time program nor will the district be liable for acts, injuries, or events occurring while: (1) a student is being transported to and from release time programs; or (2) while a student participates in release time programs.

Legal Reference: Article IX § 6 Idaho Constitution-Religious Test and Teaching in School Prohibited.

I.C. § 33-519 Release for Religious Instruction

I.C. § 33-1603 Sectarian Instruction Forbidden

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