

STUDENTS

Waivers to Full Day of School

Regulations governing modification in the school day are specified below.

A. Eligibility

1. Seniors ~~and fifth-year seniors~~ who are in good standing in terms of academic achievement, attendance, and discipline, or who are participating in Virtual Virginia Beach e-Learning online courses and other approved courses through institutions of higher learning, are eligible to apply for a waiver. All such students must meet the standards in this Regulation.
2. Underclassmen are not eligible for a waiver unless they meet the criteria for extenuating circumstances, are in a work/study program, or are enrolled in Virtual Virginia Beach e-Learning courses and other approved courses through institutions of higher learning.
3. Extenuating circumstances are those which are beyond the control of the student and his parent/legal guardian such as student illness, illness within the immediate family or exceptional personal family reasons. Extenuating circumstances do not include: vacations; changes in residence; disagreements regarding student placement decisions such as appealing student discipline decisions, decisions regarding out of zone approval or revocation, refusal to consent to placement or to change of placement under IDEA or Section 504 procedures; student or family work, extracurricular, transportation or child care schedules; and truancy or missing class. Medical or other documentation must be submitted with the application for waiver of full day of school. Prior to approving a waiver of a full day of school, homebound instruction will be considered for any student whose illness may prevent full-day attendance at regular school day setting.
4. Students who are enrolled in a school work/study program must be in attendance at school for three (3) blocks of instruction daily.
5. Eleventh and twelfth grade students who are enrolled in Virtual Virginia Beach e-Learning online classes and other approved courses through institutions of higher learning must be in attendance at school no fewer than two (2) blocks of instruction daily. Ninth and tenth grade students enrolled in Virtual Virginia Beach e-Learning online classes must be in attendance at school for three (3) blocks of instruction daily.
6. A list of those students who are granted waivers will be kept on file at the school. A copy of the application for waiver of full-day enrollment must be kept in the student's record during the school year for which it was approved.

7. No waiver of full-day attendance will be granted where such waiver reduces instructional time in the core academics.
8. No waiver of full-day attendance will be considered for those students with a grade point average of less than a 2.0 the previous semester or for those students with an overall grade point average of less than 2.0.
9. No waiver of full-day attendance will be considered for those students who have taken but not passed a Standards of Learning (SOL) tested course or have not achieved a verified credit in an SOL tested course that is required for graduation.

B. Procedure for Requesting Waiver of a Full Day of School

- ~~1.~~ The student and parent/legal guardian must complete and sign an application for a waiver. If a waiver is being requested for health reasons, a letter or other documentation from the attending licensed physician or licensed clinical psychologist must be submitted. The principal will review the data and determine whether there is a basis for a waiver. ~~The principal must submit a list of approved waivers to the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee no later than September 30th of each year.~~
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2. An appeal of the principal's decision may be made to the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee by sending a written request to the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee within five (5) calendar days of the issuance of the principal's decision. The decision of the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee is final.

Legal Reference

8VAC20-131-10 *et seq.*, as amended. Board of Education Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia.

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