

## Notus School District No. 135

### INSTRUCTION

2355

#### Release Time

##### Release Time for Religious Instruction

For students in grades K through 8 (K-8), the District may allow release time for religious instruction. No credit shall be given for completion of courses during release time for religious purposes.

Upon application, students in grades 9-12 may be excused from school for religious instruction provided that no student will be excused in excess of four (4) periods in a school week or one hundred forty eight (148) hours in any given school year.

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

Registration for religious release time programs shall not occur on school property.

#### General Release Time

General release time for students in grades kindergarten through tenth grade is not permitted.

Upon application, students in grades 11 and 12 may be excused from school provided that no student will be excused in excess of four (4) periods in a school week or (148) hours in any given school year. Student must meet the standards set by the school in order to be eligible for release time.

1. Minimum overall GPA 3.0
2. Must be on track to graduate

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

#### Release Time Guidelines

No student will be permitted to attend release time programs except upon written request from a parent/guardian filed with the District, and approved by the school principal.

Release time shall not interfere with the scheduling of classes, activities, and programs of public schools. Credit may be granted for other purposes, at the discretion of the Board.

The District is not responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of a student participating in a release time program. The District is not 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  
IDAPA 08.02.02.220 Release Time Program for Elementary and  
Secondary Schools

Policy History:

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