



The North Carolina General Assembly passed General Statute 115C-378, entitled the Compulsory Attendance Law, in 1955 and amended it through 1992. This law, in conjunction with the rules and regulations of the North Carolina State Board of Education, makes parents and legal guardians responsible and accountable to ensure that their children's absences from school are valid. Seven (7) types of valid absences are established by the rules and regulations set forth by the State Board of Education. Two of those types are absences resulting from religious observances and educational opportunities of a significant nature. Bethany Community School requires advanced permission for excused absences for educational purposes. School administration will deny the request if the cumulative effect of such absences would substantially interfere with the education of the student. If the administration does not approve this request, you will be promptly notified.

REQUEST FOR ABSENCE TO BE EXCUSED ON EDUCATIONAL GROUNDS
This form must be submitted at least five (5) days prior to the absence to be considered.

For an excused absence for educational reasons, the intent of the experience should have been educational from the outset and comparable to that which the student would have experienced in school. Family trips and vacations that were not designed, initially, to be educational will not be excused. Signing this form documents that this absence is for valid educational purposes.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Date(s) of intended absences: _____

By completing this form, I affirm that this is for an educational opportunity that is of comparable value to my child's regular attendance in school.

Description of the educational opportunity (*be as detailed as you can to help us fully understand the educational value*):

Parent Signature: _____ Phone: _____ Today's Date: _____

Administrative Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved
Signature: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied