

WESLACO ISD
STUDENT RELIGIOUS HOLY DAY ABSENCE REQUEST

Parent/Guardians:

Please fill out the top portion of this form. Submit one form per religious holy day. Do not include multiple holy day observances on one form.

According to the state's Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH), *travel days for which the student is considered in attendance are limited to not more than 1 day for travel to and 1 day for travel from the site where the student will observe the holy days.* The SAAH also states: *Church retreats, camps, and mission trips and individual religious rites (baptisms, christenings, bar mitzvahs, etc.) are not considered holy days.* According to district procedures, any additional travel days would be considered unexcused absences for attendance accounting purposes.

Date: _____

My student (name) _____ was absent on (dates): _____.

He/She observed or participated in holy day activity _____ which is a tenet of our faith. The holy day activity occurred on (date or dates): _____.

We had to travel to (location) _____ for this purpose.

This day was not a church retreat, camp, mission trip, or an individual religious rite (baptism, christening, bar mitzvah, etc.)

Sincerely,

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Attendance Clerk: Research and determine if travel day(s) used and enter dates below.

Administrator: Sign only one of the two options below.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Signature of administrator

Travel days are: _____ and _____ (if any) Code as Religious Holiday

Holy Day(s) are: _____ Code as Religious Holiday

Other missed days are: _____ Code as Unexcused

Disapproved: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Administrator

Date(s) do not meet requirements: _____ Code as U (Unexcused)