

**RANCHO SANTA FE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board Policy No. 5006:      ABSENCES FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES**

- A.      Pursuant to Education Code section 46014, the District may allow pupils to be absent for religious instruction or to participate in religious exercises away from school property. Such absences shall be considered excused absences subject to the following:
1.      The pupil shall attend at least the minimum school day.
  2.      The pupil shall be excused for no more than four (4) school days per month.
  3.      The District has received prior written consent of the parent/guardian.
- B.      Pursuant to Education Code section 48205, a pupil shall be excused from school in order to observe a holiday or ceremony of the pupil's religion, or to attend a religious retreat if requested in writing by the parent/guardian and approved by the Principal. Absences for the purpose of attending a religious retreat will be excused if they do not exceed one (1) school day per semester.

Legal Reference:

Education Code sections 46014, 48205

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