Sec. 1. RELEASED TIME COURSES

For purposes of this policy, the term "released time course" means a course in religious instruction offered by a private entity. *Tex. Educ. Code § 25.0875(a)*.

Sec. 2. EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR RELEASED TIME COURSES

Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. (AAL) shall, on the request of a parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the school, excuse a student from attending school to attend a release time course for at least one but not more than five hours a week.

In order for a student to be excused from attendance for purposes of attending a released time course:

1. The student's parent or legal guardian must provide written consent for the student to attend the released time course;
2. The private entity offering the released time course must maintain attendance records and make the records available to AAL;
3. The private entity, parent or legal guardian, or student assumes responsibility for transportation, including transportation for a student with a disability, to and from any location at which the released time course is offered;
4. The private entity, parent or legal guardian, or student assumes liability for the student enrolled in the released time course while the student is under the private entity's care; and
5. The student assumes responsibility for any schoolwork issued during the student's absence.

Tex. Educ. Code § 25.0875(b),(c).

Sec. 3. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

AAL cannot use school funds, excluding de minimis costs, to facilitate the provision of a released time course. *Tex. Educ. Code § 25.0875(c)(2)(A)*.

A private entity may not offer released time courses on AAL property unless permitted under a neutral policy of equal access that allows community organizations to use AAL property. *Tex. Educ. Code § 25.0875(c)(2)(B)*.

AAL may not interfere with the ability of a student's parent or legal guardian to request or access a released time course for a student. *Tex. Educ. Code § 25.0875(c)(3)*.

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