

POLICY 1230, SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ON DAYS OF RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

I. Generally

Students whose religious practice dictates that they be absent from school to observe a religious day or days shall be excused from attending school and from participating in their usual curricular and co-curricular activities on the day of the religious observance.

II. Parental Notice

The parents or guardians of students whose religious practice dictates that they be absent from school to observe a religious day should notify the school prior to the absence. Such notice should be given directly to the ~~involved student~~Attendance Office's dean. Since generally none of the major Christian holidays occurs when school is in session, absence for Christian observance days is generally not an issue. Two major Jewish observance days, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, occur frequently when school is in session, and notice by the parent or guardian should be given to excuse students for these holidays. Excusal for major religious observance days in religions other than Christianity or Judaism will be granted if parents or guardians follow this notice procedure.

III. Guidelines

The Superintendent/~~Principal (or his/her designee), as the designee of the Board,~~ shall establish guidelines relating to the make-up of classwork, quizzes, examinations, projects, or other work that was to be completed during the absence for a religious observance. Teachers cannot assign any penalty or deduction from the value of make-up work resulting from an excused absence for a religious observance~~---~~. Since some students may not be able to prepare for tests, projects, or quizzes during the religious observance day or days, teachers must give a reasonable amount of time for make-up work after students return to school.

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