Request for Excused Absence for Educational Purposes

The North Carolina General Assembly passed General Statute 115C-378, entitled the Compulsory Attendance Law, in 1955. The 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 their children's absences from school are valid. Educational opportunities are one condition that can be excused for a lawful reason of absence. The WSFCS Board of Education AR 5110 requires advanced permission for excused absences for education purposes. The principal should deny the request if the cumulative effect of such absences would substantially interfere with the education of the student. Parents will be notified if the principal does not approve this request.

Request for Absence To Be Excused On Educational Grounds

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 initially designed to be educational will not be excused. Signing this form documents that this absence is for valid educational purposes. This form should be submitted to the Principal no later than 10 days prior to the educational opportunity.

As the parent or guardian of _____, I state that the
(Student's Name)

absence from school for the dates of _____
(Date/s)

is an educational opportunity that is of comparable value to my child's regular attendance in school.

_____ _____ _____
School Name *Grade* *Teacher/Homeroom*

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Signature of Parent/Guardian *Date*

Please briefly describe the educational opportunity:

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For office use only: Approved_____ Not Approved_____

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Principal's (or Designee's) Signature Date