



K-5th EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY APPLICATION

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 childrens' 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.**

This form must be completed and submitted to the Principal prior to the absence(s) in order to be considered as valid/lawful. No student will be excused for more than five (5) days per school year.

When it is demonstrated that the purpose of the absence is to take advantage of a valid educational opportunity, such as travel, the absence(s) may be considered valid/lawful. Approval for such an absence(s), however, must be granted prior to the absence(s).

(School Attendance & Student Accounting Manual, Public Schools of North Carolina, 2023-2024, Chapter 2, Section IV-D)

As the parent or guardian of _____, I state that the absence from
(Student's Name)
school for the dates of _____ is an educational opportunity that is
(Date/s)
of comparable value to my child's regular attendance in school.

Educational Benefit for Student: _____

Sherwood Forest Elementary School Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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Signature of Principal

Application: _____ Denied _____ Approved Date: _____

No. of Days: _____ Days Remaining _____

Daily Schedule/Activity

Date	Day	DESCRIPTION OF DAILY ACTIVITY
	Day 1	
	Day 2	
	Day 3	
	Day 4	
	Day 5	

If approved, no more than five (5) school days in a school year