



## Request for Excused Absence for Educational or Religious Reasons

The North Carolina General Assembly passed General Statute 115C-378, entitled the Compulsory Attendance Law, in 1955 and amended it through 1992. 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 that their children's absences from school are valid. Seven (7) types of valid absences are established by the rules and regulations set forth by the State Board of Education. Two of those types are absences resulting from religious observations and educational opportunities of a significant nature. Endeavor Charter School requires advanced permission for excused absences for educational purposes.

For an excused absence for educational reasons, the intent of the experience should have been educational from the onset and comparable to that which the students would have experienced in school. Family trips and vacations that were not designed, initially, to be educational will not be excused.

### **Parent Section (Parent must complete prior to giving to the teachers):**

As the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I state that the absence from school for  
(Student's Name)  
the dates of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date/s)

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

is for a Religious Holiday/Obligation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Religious Holiday/Obligation)

Student's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If the absence is an educational opportunity, please complete an explanation of at least 300 words, written on a separate sheet of paper and submitted to the Director with this form.

### **Teacher Section (Parent must oversee completion of section before giving to the Director):**

All teachers of the student must be notified of the absence beforehand and the student must make arrangements with the teacher in regard to make up work. Each teacher should sign below to indicate that he/she has been notified of the absence and to note any concerns.

Teacher Block # 1 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Block # 2 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Block # 3 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Fine Arts or Elective Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Director Section (Parent should turn into the office after above sections are complete):**

Approved

Not Approved

Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_