

Instruction

1. Released Time - Special Instruction for Students

The District will cooperate in developing released time programs for religious instruction as requested by parents or legal guardians for religious instruction provided by religious affiliated groups in conformance with Wisconsin Statutes.

2. Released Time for Religious Instruction

- a) The Board shall permit students with written permission of a parent or guardian to be absent from school at least 60 minutes but not more than 180 minutes per week to obtain religious instruction outside the District during the required school period. The written permission shall indicate the day(s) and time period(s) in which the pupil will be absent from school for the purpose of religious instruction, as well as the location, institution, and supervisor of the religious instruction.
- b) The supervisor of such religious instruction shall report monthly, to the principal of the District school regularly attended by the student, the names of the student(s) who attended such weekly religious instruction and the period of time the student attended religious instruction.
- c) The Board may deny the privilege of released time to students who are absent from such religious instruction.
- d) The time period(s) allotted for the student to be absent from school for the purpose of religious instruction shall be determined and approved by the Board prior to the pupil being released from school in the District to attend the religious instruction.
- e) Any transportation to or from religious instruction to the District's schools shall be the sole responsibility of the parents/legal guardians or of the organization sponsoring the religious instruction.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statute 118.155

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