

ATTENDANCE
RELEASE TIME FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Students will be released from school for religious instruction when instruction is according to the ordinances of some church. In order to qualify, the instruction must be:

1. Necessary to obtain church membership, AND
2. Necessary to retain membership or entitle one to the full benefits of membership, AND
3. In the permanent rules of conduct of the church.

Churches wishing to offer such instruction must provide a written statement to the Board of Education indicating how the proposed instruction meets the criteria outlined above.

The Board of Education recognizes that pupils have a right to be absent for this type of instruction, and that such absence may be for a full day per week or longer if justified. The parents, guardian or other person having control of the pupil must give written advance notice to the building principal of the intention to have the student absent from school to attend religious instruction. As required by statute, the principal must keep a written record of all requests.

The regular instructional program must be maintained for those students who do not participate in released time instruction; and those students attending released time classes are required to make up all work missed.

Transportation to and from released time classes is the parents' responsibility, and under no circumstances may the district provide such transportation.