

**STUDENT OBSERVANCE OF RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

The Governing Board recognizes the importance to students and their parents of the observance of religious holidays; and, pursuant to the discretionary authority granted in Education Code Section 48205, hereby expresses its desire and intent to cooperate with home and religious institutions in the observance of these days.

**Excused Absence for Student Observance of Religious Holidays**

1. Student Observance of Religious Holidays

A written verification from the parent/guardian must indicate the beginning time, ending time, and the date of the religious holiday observance. Such absence shall not be deemed as an absence in computing average daily attendance if the student's attendance totals a minimum day. The readmission form should be designated "excused absence-other" to distinguish it from an illness absence. The absence shall be without penalty to the student.

2. Instructional Arrangements - Work Assigned or Tests Given During An Absence

The student and/or parent/guardian has the responsibility to make arrangements with the classroom teacher for any makeup assignments. The classroom teacher will make every effort to not schedule tests during, or on, the school day following religious holidays and will provide makeup assignments, or inform students, of post-holiday tests prior to the holiday observed. The student will be allowed to makeup assignments and/or tests if tests must be scheduled during the period of absence or on the day he/she returns to class. Additional time may be given at the classroom teacher's discretion.