K-12 Religious Observance Absence Form

This form must be complete and submitted to the principal prior to the absence in order for the absences to be considered excused.

The North Carolina General Assembly passed General Statute 115C-378, entitled the Compulsory Attendance Law. This 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 insure that their children’s absences from school are valid. Ten types of valid absences are established by the rules and regulations set forth by the State Board of Education. One of those types are absences resulting from a religious observance. School principals are required to authorize a minimum of two excused absences each academic year for religious observances required by faith of a student or a student’s parents. The student shall be given the opportunity to make up any tests or other work missed due to this excused absence. (S.L. 2010-112) The Moore County Board of Education Policy 6000 requires a written excuse signed by a parent or guardian must be presented to the teacher on the day the student returns after an absence.

REQUEST FOR RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE ABSENCE TO BE EXCUSED

Student Name: __________________________________________________________________________________

Grade: ____________________

School Name: ____________________________________________________________________    Teacher: _________________________

Date(s) of proposed absence: _____________________________________________________________________________

Date of return to school: _________________________________              Total number of days of school to be missed: ______________________

Please briefly describe the circumstances for nonattendance:
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AGREEMENT:
As the parent or guardian, I will comply with the State Board of Education’s policy regarding this absence for my child. I will also supervise the completion of any assignments as required by the teacher and/or principal.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian                  Date

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Approved  Not Approved