

*Student Travel*

Students who travel with parent(s) or guardian(s) may be legally excused for up to five (5) school days by the building principal providing the travel can be described as educational in nature and certain conditions pertaining to parental request, parental supervision during the trip, and arrangements by the student to complete assignments are satisfactorily met. Any requests for granting an excused absence for travel may be granted by the Superintendent upon recommendation of the building Principal so long as a signed statement (see Attachment A) is received by the principal from the parent(s) or guardian(s) one (1) week prior to the anticipated absence. For absences in excess of 5 school days but no more than 20 school days ("long-term absences"), the following conditions must be met for a student to be excused legally:

1. A signed statement (see Attachment A) is received by the principal from the parent(s) or guardian(s) two (2) weeks prior to the anticipated absence. The statement is to include:
  - a. The specific educational nature of the trip including any related special projects.
  - b. The dates the student will be absent for the purpose of travel.
  - c. The name(s) and signature(s) of the parent(s) or guardian(s) accompanying the student during the anticipated travel.
2. A commitment on the part of the student to contact each of his or her teachers to arrange for the completion of assignments following the trip. Teachers are not authorized to provide work prior to the trip and there should be no expectation that this will occur.
3. Notification of approval to the student and parent or guardian by the principal (or by principal and Superintendent that the long-term absence will be considered excused.

Any absences for students in excess of the approved number of days of an approved long-term absence shall be regarded as unexcused. In communicating a positive response to the student and parent(s) or guardian(s), it should be made clear that the granting of the legal absence does not carry with it an assurance of a passing grade for any course of study. The responsibility rests entirely with the student to satisfactorily complete all required assignments.

Cross reference: Administrative Regulation No. 5113 "Procedures for Enforcing School Attendance"

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Tredyffrin/Easttown School District

**REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL FOR STUDENT TRAVEL**

Circumstances sometimes necessitate absence from school for reasons other than sickness or death in the family. As defined in the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Regulation 5117, an excused absence may be granted for student educational travel by the respective building principal for absences up to five (5) school days per year. Any requests for absences for a longer duration but no more than 20 school days may be granted by the Superintendent of Schools after the recommendation of the principal. Any absences for students in excess of the approved number of days of an approved long-term absence shall be regarded as unexcused. Approval may be granted pending review of the individual request, the specific educational value of the trip, and the student's progress and attitude. The principal will consult with the student's teachers to evaluate these factors.

Requests for such long term absences shall be received by the building principal two (2) weeks prior to the absence. *The granting of an excused absence does not, however, assure a passing grade for any subject/course of study. The responsibility for the completion of any assignment rests entirely with the individual student and the discretion and convenience of the subject teacher. This request constitutes a commitment on the part of the student to contact each of his or her teachers to arrange for the completion of assignments following the trip. Teachers are not authorized to provide work prior to the trip and there should be no expectation that this will occur.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom #: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Absence: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be responsible for the student(s) during absence? \_\_\_\_\_

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Purpose of trip? \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of specific educational nature of travel. (If needed, please use the reverse side of this form).

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Signature of: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
Father Mother Guardian

*Please refer to information on the reverse side of this form*

**For Official Use Only**

**Absences of more than five (5) days**

**Permission is recommended:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**not recommended:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permission of the Superintendent**  
**is granted:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**not granted:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

Description of specific educational nature of travel (continued).