

LOCAL DISCRETIONARY ABSENCE **REQUEST/APPROVAL FORM**

| Date of Request: | | School: | |
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| Student's Name: | | Grade: | |
| Reason for Absence: _ | | | |
| Date(s) for Absence: • Full Day | | | |
| • Part Day | Time Departing: | Time Returning: ool's normal early dismissal and late arrival proc | |

Policy 9010 Implementation Procedures: Attendance details the following about Absences for Discretionary Days:

- a. A written request for such absences to be lawful/excused should be submitted at least one week in advance to the principal/designee.
- b. Such absences may not occur during exam or state-mandated testing periods unless authorized by the principal/designee.
- c. For absences of up to three (3) days, the principal will determine whether the absences will be lawful/excused or unlawful/unexcused. Such absences may include, but are not limited to, the following events directly involving the student: Visits to post-secondary institutions, participation in college orientation programs, scheduled interviews with prospective employers, special family events, including vacations/trips.
- d. For absences in excess of three (3) days, the principal in consultation with the Community Superintendent/Director of Schools will determine if the absences will be lawful/excused or unlawful/unexcused.

Students with unlawful/unexcused absences of 10 consecutive school days or more will be withdrawn from school and may be allowed to re-enroll, provided they meet enrollment requirements, upon their return.

Students returning from lawful/excused absences have an equal number of days to complete make-up work

Parent/Guardian Signature:

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Local Discretionary Days Previously Approved this School Year:

Disposition: Approved for the Following Date(s): Disapproved:

Principal's Signature: Date:

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