

ABSENCE AND CREDIT FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Absence of a pupil from school during school hours for religious observance and education to be had outside the school building and grounds will be excused upon the request in writing signed by the parent or guardian of the pupil. The courses in religious observance and education must be maintained and operated by or under the control of a duly constituted religious body or of duly constituted religious bodies. Pupils must be registered for the courses and a copy of the registration filed with the local public authorities. Reports of attendance of pupils upon such courses shall be filed with the Superintendent or teacher at the end of each week. Such absences shall be for not more than one hour each week at the close of either the morning or afternoon session at a time to be fixed by the Superintendent.

Credit for religious classes may be granted upon proper submission of a syllabus and by approval of the local school board. If pupils released from school attend religious instruction under the auspices of a duly organized religious body, the school may grant credit for such instruction at the rate on one-fourth unit per year, not to exceed one unit in all.