Students

School Year “Family Vacations” / Make-up Privileges

Definition: A “family vacation” is a trip taken by the children and parents of a given family during the school year.

Philosophy: The Board of Education discourages absence from school under these circumstances, but recognizes that families may be required to take “family vacations” during the school year. There can be unique educational and personal advantages to such experiences, but the parents must assume full responsibility for the student absence and any educational deprivation which may occur.

Approval: For an absence to qualify as a “family vacation”, advance approval of the Principal is required. The following procedure must be followed:

A. The request shall be in written form and shall state the reason, dates, and length of requested absence.

B. This must be done at least 4 school days prior to the absence.

C. Phone calls will be accepted under emergency circumstances only. The provision of advance notice also may be waived.

D. The student will be given a form to take to all of his/her teachers. This sheet shall be turned in at the office within 2 days.
Make-up Privileges: Make-up privileges will be granted for approved “family vacations” under the following conditions:

A. Students will be provided general advance assignments and, if possible, study materials.

B. It is assumed that students will “keep pace” to the best of their ability.

C. All assignments missed will be accepted for full credit the day the student returns to school. No credit will be given for assignments not completed.

D. Arrangements for examinations, tests, and quizzes must be made within a two-day period with the teacher upon the student’s return. No credit will be given for examinations, tests, and quizzes not completed.

E. School personnel are not obligated to provide extra attention or services to students absent on “family vacation” beyond those stipulated.

“Family Vacation” absences will be counted as excused absences. In the case of the high school, these absences also will be counted towards absences per term and may cause loss of credit.

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