

RELEASED TIME FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

1. 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 parents/guardians of the pupil.
2. The courses in religious observance and education must be maintained and operated by or under the control of duly constituted religious bodies.
3. Pupils must be registered for the courses, and a copy of the registration filed with the local public school authorities.
4. Reports of attendance of pupils in such courses shall be filed with the principal or teacher at the end of each semester.
5. Such absence shall not be for more than one hour each week at the close of either the morning or afternoon session or both, at a time to be fixed by the local school authorities, provided that the time designated for each separate unit, the primary grades (K-3), intermediate grades (4-6), middle school grades (7-8), and senior high school grades (9-12) shall be the same for all pupils in that unit in each separate school.
6. In the event that more than one school for religious observance and education is maintained in the district, the hours for absence in each particular public elementary or secondary school unit shall be the same for all such religious schools.

Ref: 8 NYCRR §109.2

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