

Prior Approval Form for Educational Reasons

North Carolina has a Compulsory Attendance Law (G.S. 115C-378) which holds parents and guardians responsible and accountable for their children. It also requires all absences from school to be valid ones. The State Board of Education has established eight (8) types of valid absences from school, two of which are for religious observances and educational opportunities of a significant nature. At Orange High School, we want our students to benefit from such opportunities, but only if it does not interfere with a student's progress in school. The form requires advance permission if you are requesting absences for educational purposes. The principal will only deny such requests if the effect of the absences would substantially interfere with the education of the student. If the principal does not approve this request, you will be promptly notified.

Request for Absence to be Excused on Educational Grounds

In order for the absence to be excused, the purpose of the absence must be of an educational nature and should be comparable to the amount of education the student would receive at school. Trips and vacations that are not originally intended to be educational will not be excused. Signing this form indicates that the absence is for a valid educational experience.

As the parent/guardian of _____, I state that my child's absence from school from _____ to _____ is a legitimate educational experience that is of value comparable to my child attending school.

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

Teacher's name

1st	_____	3 rd	_____
2 nd	_____	4 th	_____

Please describe the educational opportunity in the area provided:

___ Approved ___ Disapproved

Principal's signature _____