

Absences Due to Special Events

***Requests and documentation for special event absences must be submitted to and approved by the school principal. All absences may affect a student's opportunity to exempt exams as described in Policy and Procedure IHAA**

*** Any request not covered below should be discussed with the Assistant Superintendent prior to the principal's action**

Excused With or Without Stipulations:

1. Special occasions of relatives or close family friends, such as weddings, births, monumental birthdays (90th, 100th), anniversaries (50th, 75th) not annual family reunions—Maximum 2 Days Excused as a General Rule
2. Conferences (not youth group activities)—religious, athletic, academic—that the child has been recommended, nominated, or elects to attend—Maximum 2 Days Excused as a General Rule
3. Theatre and dance productions—Ron Jones Ballet, Augusta Dance Theatre, Augusta Chorale... (Often these occur during a school day and are attended by other students and teachers)
4. Absences due to youth leadership type activities
5. Extra-curricular or athletic competitions— cheerleading, golf, gymnastics, horseback riding, rowing, swimming, tennis, etc. — must be regional, state, or national level activities where the student has earned the opportunity not elected to participate
6. Graduations of family and close family friends—college, armed forces boot camps, etc.
7. Military leave, deployment, vacations—as described in Policy JBD
8. True special events—such as meeting the governor, singing at the White House, being invited to a prestigious event, being recognized for winning a contest, etc.

Absences to Be Reviewed Case by Case:

1. Travel plans pre-arranged by families new to our area who were not aware of our attendance policy
2. Travel opportunities received by families as “once in a lifetime” trips
3. Non-custodial parents and grandparents, who do not live locally, who wish to visit with child during a school year