

Prior Approval form for Absence 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 Bethel Hill Charter School, we want our students to benefit from such opportunities, but only if it does not interfere with a student's progress in school or prevent them from getting course credit. 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. **It is the student's responsibility to get all missed assignments and make up all assigned work.**

Request for Absence to be Lawful on Educational Grounds

In order for the absence to be lawful, the purpose of the absence must be of an educational nature and should be comparable to the amount of education the child would receive at school. Trips and vacations that are not originally intended to be educational will not be lawful. 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.

Homeroom Teacher _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____ Parent Phone Number _____

Please describe the educational opportunity in the area provided.

- Approved
 Not Approved

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____