

Planned Absence Request Cedar Wood Elementary School

Excused/Unexcused: State law and district procedures define the requirements for student attendance. EPS Procedure 3122 lists the following valid excuses for absences:

- A. Participation in school-approved instructional program
- B. Illness, health condition or medical appointment
- C. Family emergency (death or severe illness)
- D. Religious or cultural purposes
- E. Court, judicial proceeding
- F. Homelessness
- G. Absence related to active duty deployment of parent/guardian
- H. Principal approved pre-arranged (see Pre-Arranged, below)

Any absence which does not meet one of these conditions is unexcused. Students arriving more than **30 minutes** after the start of the day or leaving more than **30 minutes** before the end of the day for any reason other than those listed above are considered part-day unexcused absent. Students missing more than 50% of the school hours in a day will be marked absent all day.

Court Referral: School officials are required by state law to refer parents to court if a student accumulates more than seven (7) unexcused absences in a month or ten (10) unexcused absences in a school year. This law is based on the recognition that absences from class for any reason have an adverse effect upon student's academic progress.

Pre-Arranged: Families should not schedule vacations or travel while school is in session. If a family vacation or travel must occur while school is in session, **it must be prearranged prior to the absence and approved by the principal (or designee)**. The principal may excuse up to five (5) school days for a prearranged absence per student each school year. Assignments requested for a prearranged absence will be provided to the student or parent if requested five (5) school days prior to the absence. Parents considering this option should submit this form to the school office a minimum of 7 school days prior to the absence under consideration.

I request that my child(ren) be excused from school for the following reason: _____

Circle letter of valid excuse, from list above: A B C D E F G H

First day absent: _____ Last day absent: _____

Student's Name	Teacher	Previous excused/unexcused	Requested excused/unexcused
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(will be completed by office)

Withdrawal: I also understand that my child must be withdrawn from Cedar Wood if he/she is absent for more than 20 consecutive school days.

I understand the educational and legal implications of this pre-arranged absence request and, if approved, will assure that my student completes all assigned alternative learning requirements in the timeline prescribed. Failure to complete assigned work will influence excused status.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

<hr/> Principal's Signature	<hr/> Date
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