

Johnson Elementary School

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Excused Absences- Item 8X

8X absence which have an educational value as great as that received during an equal amount of time in school are at the sole discretion of the principal. The decision will be made on individual circumstances. **Prior approval by the principal is required.**

From time to time circumstance arise that would warrant a student being absent from school. Often these circumstances are of such a nature that the student actually receives an educational benefit. The above listed item (8X) of the Limestone County Board of Education provides for such an occasion.

Below are the procedures to follow if an excused absence is to be awarded for such an occasion:

1. Prior approval by the local school principal is required.
2. The principal will inform the teachers as to the nature of the absence and the need for any assignments, make-up work, missed exams, etc...
3. An 8X excused absence may not be granted for days on which "end of course" exams are slated.
4. While absent, the student will keep a detailed educational journal. The journal must include; the student's name, grade, and the dates of the absence. This journal should be a reflection on the trip being taken. Included in the journal should be such items as geography, historical sites, cultural differences, climate variance, agriculture, industrial differences, etc. Consideration will be given according to the grade level of the student. The journal will not be returned to the student. Complete the journal on loose-leaf paper and do not turn in a notebook. Nothing from the journal will be returned.
5. The journal is due upon the student's return to school. If the journal is approved, the excused absence (8X) will be awarded to the student. The number of days missed will determine how much time is allowed to complete make-up work. If multiple days are missed consideration will be given regarding the amount of time for make-up work.
6. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the student receiving an UNEXCUSED absence.
7. The journal is due the morning (prior to the first bell- 7:50) the student returns to school from the trip, not several days later. Failure to turn in the journal in a timely manner will result in the absence not being excused.
8. Journals are to be turned in to the principal, not a classroom teacher.