

**NEW POLICY – VOL. 10, NO 1**

1                                    **ABSENCES FOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

2    **It is the policy of the Board that absences from school for observance of a**  
3    **religious holiday or because the tenets of a student's religion forbid secular**  
4    **activity during a school day or portion thereof shall be excused subject to**  
5    **compliance with this policy.**

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7    **The Superintendent's Calendar Committee will annually review the list of**  
8    **following religious holidays for which student absence will be excused.**

9    **The Superintendent shall establish procedures and time limits to be observed:**

- A. **By students, teachers, and administrators in making available to each student, so excused an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work assignment which has been missed without penalty within the time prescribed by the Student Code of Conduct;**
- B. **By student's parent(s) or guardian when giving prior notice of the student's intended absence; and**
- C. **When giving affected students and parents an opportunity to be heard in connection with the decision not to excuse an absence on a day or portion thereof which is not included in the list of religious holidays developed by the Calendar Committee.**

10    **F.S. 1003.21**

11    **F.A.C. 6A-1.09514**