

# Blodgett Elementary School

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Vacation Request      Date of request: \_\_\_\_\_

In order for an absence to be **excused**, a request is required to be approved by Mrs. Torkelson **2 weeks in advance**.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Absence: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Absence: \_\_\_\_\_

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It is difficult for teachers to keep up with all the requests for homework when students leave for a vacation while classes are in session.

**Instead, students will be asked to do the following.**

- Read (or be read to for younger students) for at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour per day. Have them report to you orally about the book they are reading and keep a log.
- Keep a daily journal of events during the vacation. They should write for up to 30 minutes per day depending on the skill and grade level of the student.
- Give practical math problems as situations arise during the trip (for example, "How much will it cost for our family of four if tickets for Disneyland cost \$25.00 per person?").
- Make or buy flash cards to practice math facts daily.

Teachers will have the option of having students complete assignments that they miss during their absence.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read and understand the above information and the back of this form.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is the intent of the Philomath School District to provide the best possible educational opportunity for all students. To reap the benefits of such an opportunity, students and parents must take an active role in the learning process, beginning with regular and punctual attendance. Oregon law (ORS 339.010 and ORS 339.020) identifies the parent/guardian with the responsibility of having his/her child attend school on a regular basis. This District's hope is that with your understanding of our attendance rules, regulations, and individual building policies, you will be an integral part of your child's success in school. To bring consistency and clarity to District attendance policies, we would like to provide the following information.

#### EXCUSED ABSENCE/TARDY

Philomath School District *only* recognizes the following reasons as valid excuses for an absence:

- ❖ Illness, medical or dental appointments
- ❖ Serious illness or death in immediate family
- ❖ Emergency medical or dental needs
- ❖ Absences approved in advance by the school principal

#### UNEXCUSED ABSENCE/TARDY

Philomath School District *will not* recognize the following as excuses for an absence from school:

- ❖ Truancy
- ❖ Oversleeping
- ❖ Missing the bus or car malfunction
- ❖ Shopping/haircut appointments
- ❖ Family vacation, hunting or fishing excursions *not approved by principal in advance according to PES guidelines.*
- ❖ Birthdays, family visiting or other celebrations.

Consequences for unexcused absences and tardies are designated in ORS 339.065 (Compulsory School Attendance).

When calling in or sending a note regarding your student's absence, you must indicate the reason for the absence. If no explanation is given according to our guidelines, the absence will remain unexcused.