[Parent/Guardian Name]
[Parent/Guardian Address]
[Phone Number]
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[Date]

To: [Principal / School Administrator's Name]
[School Name]
[School Address]
[City, State, ZIP Code]

Subject: Request for Religious Accommodation – [Student's Full Name]

Dear [Principal/Administrator's Name],

I am writing to formally request a religious accommodation on behalf of my child/children. As part of our sincerely held beliefs, my children observe the weekly Sabbath and the Biblical Feast Days outlined in Scripture (Leviticus 23). During these times, my children refrain from schoolwork and secular activities in order to honor their faith.

Holy Days of Obligation Biblical Feast Days

- Weekly Sabbath each Saturday
- Feast of Passover & Unleavened Bread: 2–10 April 2026
- First Fruits: 4–5 April 2026
- Feast of Weeks / Pentecost: 23–24 May 2026
- Feast of Trumpets: 12–13 September 2026
- Day of Atonement: 21–22 September 2026
- Feast of Tabernacles: 26 September–4 October 2026

Non-Obligatory Supplemental Festivals

- Feast of Hanukkah: 4–11 December 2026
- Feast of Purim: 21–23 March 2027

(All dates are projected and may adjust slightly based on the sighting of the new moon.)

Courts have consistently recognized that students cannot be forced to choose between practicing their religion and maintaining academic standing. In Scheidt v. Tri-Creek School Corporation, the court ruled that denying excused absences for religious observance violated the Free Exercise Clause and the Fourteenth Amendment (U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, Case No. 2:05-CV-204).

Similarly, in Church of God (Worldwide, Texas Region) v. Amarillo Independent School District, the court held that a school district's policy limiting excused absences for religious holidays to two days per year violated the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment (U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 511 F. Supp. 613, 1981; affirmed by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, 670 F.2d 46, 1982).

I respectfully request that my child/children be granted excused absences during these observances and be permitted to make up any missed assignments or exams. This arrangement will ensure that they can remain both faithful to their religious obligations and fully committed to their academic responsibilities.

Thank you for your time, understanding, and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

[Parent/Guardian Signature]

[Parent/Guardian Printed Name]