

Vassalboro Community School

Planned Absence for a Personal or Educational Purpose Pre-Approval Form

Parents/Guardians of Students,

The purpose of this form is to document absences in order to prevent truancy from being an issue. As you consider completing this form, we ask you to consider the following:

Maine Truancy Law §5051

Truancy: A person is truant if:

- A. The person is required to attend school or alternative instruction and has completed grade 6 under this chapter and has the equivalent of 10 full days of unexcused absences or 7 consecutive school days of unexcused absences during a school year
- B. The person is required to attend school or alternative instruction and is at least 6 years of age and has not completed grade 6 under this chapter and has the equivalent of 7 full days of unexcused absences or 5 consecutive school days of unexcused absences during a school year
- C. The person is required to attend school pursuant to section 5051 subsection I-C and has not completed grade 6 and has the equivalent of 7 full days of unexcused absences or 5 consecutive school days of unexcused absences during a school year

Excusable absence: A person's absence is excused when the absence is for the following reasons:

- A. Personal health, including the person's physical, mental and behavioral health
- B. An appointment with a health professional that must be made during the regular school day and the absence has prior approval
- C. Observance of a recognized religious holiday when the observance is required during the regular school day and the absence has prior approval
- D. A family emergency
- E. A planned absence for a personal or educational purpose that has prior approval

You are strongly encouraged to take family vacations during the summer or during school holidays, such as winter or spring break. It is the parent's responsibility to contact the school as soon as possible about planned vacations to give teachers the opportunity to have enough time to gather assignments for students before they go. At least 2 weeks' notice would be appreciated. Please be aware that teachers are not required to prepare work in advance of extended absences.

Please fill out the form below and return to the office.

Tabitha Brewer, Principal



Absence Pre-Approval Form

Student(s) name(s): _____

Homeroom teacher(s) name(s): _____

Date(s) of school to be missed: _____

Reason for extended absence: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Principal's signature: _____

Entered into Infinite Campus by administrative assistant: _____