

EXCUSAL FROM REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In accordance with the School Laws of Pennsylvania, it is the policy of the Board of School Directors of Lower Moreland Township to enforce compulsory attendance laws. The District does not encourage absenteeism from regular classroom instruction. However, upon receipt of a written request from the parents or guardian of a pupil involved in an educational trip or tour, the pupil may be excused from school attendance for the tour or trip during the school term, at the expense of the parents or guardian, provided the absence is judged by the District Superintendent as educational and provided the pupil is under the supervision of an adult acceptable to both the Superintendent and the parents or guardian.

Parents or guardians are strongly urged to fully examine the value of educational trips or tours, with particular attention to work assigned to students for school days during their absence. At both the elementary and secondary levels, significant problems are often created by students missing extended periods of classroom instruction. Students are responsible for all work missed during their absence. Assignments will be made up upon the students return from the trip or tour and work must be made up within a time period equal to the number of school days missed. Parents and guardians should be aware that the educational value of an educational trip or tour may be greatly minimized when compared to the actual amount of classroom instruction missed and the time required to both make up previous assignments and cope with present studies.

The attached form must be submitted in triplicate for each pupil at least two weeks in advance of the day of the pupil's first absence. Copies are to be filed in the office of the District Superintendent of Schools. Particular attention should be directed to the area for "Educational Relationship to School Program." Pupils will be informed of the recommendation of the Superintendent. If the application is recommended for "Approval," but "Unexcused," then participation in the trip or tour may jeopardize the pupil's privilege of making up missed assignments. If the application is recommended "Disapproved," then participation in the trip or tour may subject parents or guardians to prosecution under the compulsory attendance laws.