

Ballard County Schools

Educational Enhancement Opportunity Request Form

To request an absence to attend or participate in an educational activity, please complete and return this form to your school principal at least 10 days prior to the absence. Such an absence as requested by this signed application and approved by the Attendance Committee (principal, Director of Pupil Personnel), will be considered an excused absence. The proposed activity must have significant educational value and be composed of an intensive program related to the core curriculum (e.g., art programs, dance programs, State Fair activities, workshops that are educational in nature, college visits, etc.) The Attendance Committee will use its good judgment to determine if the activity meets guidelines. A student may be approved for up to 10 days of absence per year for this purpose. Students who are granted an absence under this law will be allowed to make up all school work. Student's grades cannot be affected by lack of attendance or participation in classes for approved days. **Educational Enhancement Opportunities cannot occur during the school's K-PREP testing or district-wide assessments, unless there are extenuating circumstances that are approved by the principal.** Decisions may be appealed to the superintendent/designee and then to the Board of Education.

Student full legal name: _____ Date of application _____

Name of school _____ Homeroom teacher _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____ Grade level: _____ Home phone _____

Residence address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Number of excused absences to date _____ Number of unexcused absences to date _____

Requested dates of absences _____

Please explain the nature of the event the student will be attending and how the activity meets the criteria of (1) having an educational purpose; (2) having "significant educational value"; and (3) how the activity is directly related to one of the core curriculum subjects of English, science, mathematics, social studies, foreign language, or the arts. Please attach a schedule of activities/events to be attended. (Use additional paper, if needed, and attach to this completed form.)

Signature of parent/guardian, date

Approved by school administrator, date