

Katy Independent School District

Request for Consideration of a Nonschool-Related Competition to be Deemed Olympic-Caliber to be Eligible for an Excused Absence

Students who are representing the United States or any other country in an international competition are eligible to receive up to ten (10) days of excused absence after providing documentation from the sanctioned organization that the student is scheduled to participate. After reviewing the documentation, a principal may approve up to ten (10) days of excused absence for the year. All requests must be submitted in advance of the trip in order to be considered.

An Olympic-caliber competition is one in which a student participates in a regional, national or international contest representing the United States or any other country that can be reasonably expected to lead to participation in the Olympics. To qualify for excused absences, the student athlete must be taking part in a contest or individual tryout sanctioned by the Olympic Committee.

Students who are approved for excused absences under these circumstances will be expected to make up all work upon their return. Teachers can not be required to prepare assignments in advance. These absences will count against semester exam exemptions for high school students, because the competitions are not school-sponsored.

Attendance Warnings: Regardless of whether the absences are excused or unexcused, a student must be present 90% of the days each class is offered in order to gain credit or be promoted. If the absence is not excused and a student has three (3) or more days or parts of days of unexcused absences in a four-week period or ten (10) or more days or parts of days in a six-month period, the student is in violation of compulsory attendance laws. The student will receive a letter regarding the violation but will not be filed on in court unless there is a future violation. Students receiving unexcused absences are allowed to make up work missed during the absence without penalty as long as it is completed within the timeframe allotted by the teacher.

Student's Name	Grade Level	School
Title of Competition		Student's Specific Event
Sponsoring Organization		Location of Competition
Organization's Contact Person		Contact Person's Phone Number
First Date of Absence	Last Date of Absence	Total Number School Days Absent
Briefly describe the competition and the reason for requesting consideration for an excused absence:		
Will the student participate in any UIL athletic activities for the District? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, parent should contact the District Athletic Department to discuss UIL eligibility and UIL absences.		

Attach documentation regarding the event, the sponsoring organization, and the student's qualifications for participation.

As the parent/guardian of the above-named student (or the adult student), I hereby submit this request along with documentation regarding a nonschool-related competition in order for it to be reviewed for consideration as an Olympic-caliber competition. It is understood that if the competition is approved as Olympic-caliber up to a maximum of ten (10) days will be allowed as excused absences per school year. If the competition is not approved or for those days that exceed the ten (10) allowed as excused, the absences will be recorded as unexcused.

Signature of Parent/Guardian or Adult Student	Date
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received _____			
Date Received	Number Days Previously Excused	Status <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	Number Days Excused
Comments			
Signature of Principal or Designee			Date