



PAIDEIA ACADEMIES INC.
EXCUSED ABSENCES POLICY
2023-2024

Religious Purpose Absences. The School shall excuse students for religious purposes, including participation in religious exercises or religious instruction. In order for a religious purpose absence to be excused under this policy, the parents of the student must notify the school in advance or at the time of the absence. Any religious instruction or exercise must take place at a suitable place away from School property.

Other Excused Absences. Excused absences are an absence due to illness, doctor appointment, bereavement, family emergencies, and out-of-school suspensions. Family vacations are not recognized by the School as an excused absence.

Parents must notify the School in advance or at the time of any absence for it to be considered as an excused absence. The School will document the date, reason, and person reporting the absence, and the documentation will be maintained by the School for not less than four years after the fiscal year it was created or received.

If an absence occurs for any reason that is not specifically designated as an excused absence by this policy, the absence will be counted as an unexcused absence. Students absent for ten consecutive school days, except for excused absences, will be withdrawn from the School effective the last day of attendance or reported excused absence, as required by state law. Excused absences due to out-of-school suspensions will not exceed 10% of the instructional days scheduled for the school year.

Students with chronic health problems, as defined by Arizona law, may be exempt from this excused absence policy.

Procedures and Implementation. The Principal may develop and enforce procedures for the implementation of this policy, including requirements for parental notification to the School of absences.

Approved by the Paideia Academies Inc corporate board at its public meeting held on January 22, 2024.

Victoria Garrison
Paideia Academies Inc Chair