



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

School attendance contributes to academic success. Whenever possible, family vacations should be taken when school is not in session. Students who miss a significant number of days are at risk for lower academic achievement.

UCPS' attendance policy states that when it is demonstrated that the purpose of the absence is to take advantage of a valid educational opportunity, it can be considered as a lawful absence. To request that your child's absences be "Excused" due to a family trip, parents must complete the following form and return to Ms. Lauri at least 10 school days before your trip. Cruises and trips to Walt Disney World will not be regarded as educational opportunities.

After reviewing the completed form, you will be notified whether or not your request was approved.

Please note the following:

- A student may receive up to 5 Educational Opportunity days per school year.
- It is the parent / student's responsibility to request any work PRIOR to the absences.
- If this request is approved, the student is required to make a presentation to the class or administration about the educational opportunities provided by this trip.
  - Presentations can be a Power Point presentation, photo album with photos labeled by student, oral presentation, etc.
  - The presentation must be done within in 5 school days of the students return and reflect the opportunities that you described.
- Absences will be "Unexcused" until your child's presentation has been completed.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 704-296-0320 or email Ms. Lauri at [shanda.lauri@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:shanda.lauri@ucps.k12.nc.us).

Sincerely,

Shanda Lauri



## Request Excused Absence for Valid Educational Opportunity

This form must be completed by the student's parent/guardian and be given to the principal at least 10 school days prior to the day of the absence.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher / Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of requested absence \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain the educational opportunity 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 related to the common core state standards. Use additional paper if needed.

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The presentation must be done within in 5 school days of the students return and reflect the opportunities that you described above.

It is the student's responsibility to request any make up work from the absence.

**THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRINCIPAL:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Received from Parent

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Approved Absences \_\_\_\_\_ # of Unexcused Absences

Principal's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DATA MANAGER:**

Date entered in Power School \_\_\_\_\_