

RELEASE TIME FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Absences may be permitted for religious education at such times as the school committee may establish, provided that such time shall be no more than one hour per week and provided that no public funds be utilized for such education or related transportation.

Any student in an educational or vocational training institution, other than a religious or denominational educational or vocational training institution, who is unable because of his religious beliefs, to attend classes or to participate in any examination, student or work requirement on a particular day, shall be excused from such examination, study or work requirement, and shall be provided with an opportunity to make up such examination, study or work requirement which he may have missed because of such absence on any particular day; provided, however that such makeup examination or work shall not create an unreasonable burden upon such school. No fees of any kind shall be charged by the institution for making available to the said student such opportunity. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to any student because of his availing himself of the provisions of this section.

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Legal References: MGL 76:1; 151:2B

Related Policies: JH Student Attendance, Absences and Excuses