

## REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR EDUCATIONAL REASONS

The North Carolina General Assembly passed General Statute 115C-378, entitled the Compulsory Attendance Law, in 1955 and amended it through 1992. This law, in conjunction with the rules and regulations of the North Carolina State Board of Education, makes parents and legal guardians responsible and accountable to ensure that their children’s absences from school are valid. Seven (7) types of valid absences are established by the rules and regulations set forth by the State Board of Education.

Two of those types are absences resulting from religious observances and educational opportunities of a significant nature. Sterling Montessori attendance requires advanced permission for excused absences for educational purposes. The principal should deny the request if the cumulative effect of such absences would substantially interfere with the education of the student. If the principal does not approve this request, you will be notified within 5 days of the request.

### REQUEST FOR ABSENCE TO BE EXCUSED ON EDUCATIONAL GROUNDS

For an excused absence for educational reasons, the intent of the experience should have been educational from the outset and comparable to that which the student would have experienced in school. Family trips and vacations that were not designed, initially, to be educational will not be excused.

*Approval for educational absence must be granted prior to the absence. Educational opportunities will be limited to ten (10) academic days in one academic calendar. An educational opportunity will not be approved as an excused absence within the first 20 school days of an academic year or during testing days, except under special circumstances at the discretion of the Executive Director.*

By signing this form documents that this absence is for valid educational purposes. As the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I state that the absence from school for the dates of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Student’s First and Last Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ is an educational opportunity that is of comparable  
 (Date(s))

value to my child’s regular attendance in school.

Classroom	Grade
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

Please briefly describe the educational opportunity.

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Please forward this form to [attendance@sterlingmontessori.org](mailto:attendance@sterlingmontessori.org).

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