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R 5230 LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY DISMISSAL

A. Definitions

1. "Late arrival" means the arrival of a student after the beginning of the student's school day for an excused purpose. A late arrival is not an instance of tardiness for the purpose of applying Regulation No. 5240.
2. "Early dismissal" means the release of a student from school prior to the end of the student's school day for an excused purpose; "early dismissal" includes the release of a student for a period of time that occurs during the student's school day. An early dismissal is not an absence for the purpose of applying Regulation No. 5200.
3. "Dismissal from class" means a student's brief absence from his/her assigned class for a reason that has been approved in advance. A "dismissal from class" is not a class "cut" for the purpose of applying Regulation No. 5200.

B. Acceptable Excuses

The following circumstances justify a student's late arrival. The list is not meant to be exhaustive, and the Building Principal or designee should use his/her best judgment in determining whether or not there is good cause for the student's late arrival. In order to be deemed excused appropriate documentation with the specific date must be submitted when the student enters school.

1. The student's disability from illness or injury, including any necessary emergency visits to a physician or dentist;
2. A bona fide family emergency;
3. The observance of a religious holiday;
4. Religious instruction;
5. Family emergency;
6. Medical or dental appointment that cannot be scheduled at a time other than during the school day;



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7. Motor vehicle driver's examination that cannot be scheduled at a time other than during the school day;
8. The student's required attendance in court; and
9. An interview with a prospective employer or with an admissions officer of an institution of higher education.

C. Late Arrival

1. The parent(s) or adult student shall submit a written request for approval of a late arrival to the school office. The request must include the reason for the student's late arrival and a statement of why it is necessary to delay the student's arrival at school.
2. A student who arrives late at school shall report to the school office and pick up a late arrival permission slip. The permission slip will include the date and the time of the student's arrival. The student will proceed to his/her assigned class and present the permission slip to the teaching staff member in charge, who will verify the date and time.

D. Early Dismissal Generally

1. A student's early dismissal must be approved by the office staff in advance. Except for emergencies, an early dismissal that is not approved in advance will be considered to be an absence.
2. The parent(s) or adult student shall submit a written request for approval of an early dismissal to the school office. The request must include the reason for the student's early dismissal and a statement of why it is necessary to excuse the student before the end of the student's school day.
3. A student must obtain an approved early dismissal permission slip and present the slip to the teaching staff member in charge of the class or activity from which the student is to be dismissed. The permission slip will include the date and time of approved dismissal. The teaching staff member in charge must verify the date and time.



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E. Early Dismissal for Illness or Injury

1. A student who suffers a significant illness or injury during the course of the school day will be treated in accordance with Policy and Regulation No. 8441.
2. A student who suffers a minor illness or injury will be sent to the school nurse. If the nurse's office is unattended, the student should report to the Principal's office.
3. If the school nurse determines that an elementary student should be sent home, the student's parent(s) or the responsible adult designated by the parent(s) will be telephoned to pick up the student.
4. No student in elementary school shall be released from school before the end of the school day except in the presence of the student's parent(s) or an agent of the parent(s).

F. Early Dismissal for Family Emergency

1. A student's parent(s) or caretaker may request the student's early release for a bona fide family emergency. Early dismissal for family emergency must be approved by the Building Principal.
2. A student will be released to a parent(s) who reports to the school office and explains satisfactorily to the Principal that good and sufficient reason justifies the student's release from school before the end of the student's school day.
3. A student will be released to an agent of the parent(s) provided the parent(s) or a caretaker personally known to the Principal has requested the student's release by:
 - a. Written request signed by the parent(s) caretaker and verified by telephone call to the signer, or
 - b. A telephone call that is verified by a return telephone call to the student's residence or, if the call does not originate in the student's home, by interrogation of the caller to test his/her knowledge of specific facts about the student.



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4. The Principal shall verify the identity of the agent to whom the student is released by examination of documents or by verification of characteristics supplied by the parent(s) or caretaker.
5. If the Principal believes that a genuine emergency may exist but cannot verify the identity of the person who requests release of the student, the Principal shall arrange for the student's transportation by a school staff member directly to the custody of the parent(s) or designated agent of the parent.
6. The Principal shall maintain a record of each student's parent(s). The record shall include any legally sufficient notice given the Principal by a parent(s) in sole custody that the noncustodial parent's access to the student has been limited. In the absence of such notice, the Principal shall presume that the student may be released into the care of either parent(s).

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