North Catholic High School

Application For Waiver of Compulsory Attendance

As parents and legal guardians, you are encouraged to schedule vacations at times other than the days that our school is in session. Cooperatively, we have an important role in stressing the value of education to our children. Requests to take students out may convey the attitude that other activities are more important than school. Therefore, we must continue to emphasize the value of some in school and we must discourage general vacation and pleasure trips during the school year. In particular, more than one vacation, per year, is discouraged. It is suggested that absences not exceed 5 school days in length. If, however, an application for a Waiver of Compulsory Attendance must be submitted, parents/guardians and students should plan carefully. Please plan ahead so that absences do not occur during important educational periods. Also, secondary students must recognize that some courses, by their structure, are not easy to make up. The advice of teachers, counselors and the principal should be sought because grades my decline from extended absences, even when they are excused. Complete the application and return it to the principal's office, *two weeks in advance of the date for which approval is requested*. Individual requests should be made for individual students.

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Student Name _____ **Home Phone** _____

Address _____
Street and number **City** **State** **Zip Code**

Grade _____ **Homeroom Teacher** _____

Reasons for Waiver (please check):

____ 1. Pupils may be excused from school attendance to participate in educational tours or trips. Pupils must be properly supervised by parents, legal guardians or those serving in loco parentis.

____ 2. Pupils may be excused from school attendance to participate in family vacations if they are educational and/or cannot be scheduled outside of the school year.

____ 3. Pupils may be excused for attendance if their parents/guardians must travel for business or other reasons, and it would be a hardship to make arrangements to leave the student at home.

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REASON(S) CHECKED:

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Dates of absence from school: _____ **Destination:** _____

Is this your first waiver request for the current school year? _____ **yes** _____ **no**

If no, how many other requests have you made? _____

Signature of Guardian/Parent: _____

Signature of Principal: _____

Approve _____
Deny _____