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Released Time for Students

Students may be released from school to engage in private or religious instruction, as provided by law, with the approval of the superintendent, provided that the student's parent assumes all responsibility for transportation and all liability during the student's absence from school. Concerns related to release time students will be addressed through Administrative Regulation.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

Released Time for Students – Administrative Regulation

In accordance with the United States Constitution, Nevada Constitution, current Nevada Attorney General legal interpretations, and Lincoln County School District Policy, the Lincoln County School District permits a release time program to function at any school site where the following safeguards exist for student protection and academic growth with which the District is charged under its legal responsibilities.

First, students may only be released by parental or legal guardian written consent at the beginning of each quarter. Both parents must agree if a dispute arises.

Second, students may only be released during an established class period.

Third, students who are in jeopardy of failing a grade are required to develop guarantees through parents and school officials which will demonstrate they will meet graduation requirements.

Fourth, students must be in the custody of an appointed representative and in a safe place during the period of time they are released from school. Students without proper custody guarantees may have release time privileges revoked. Parents are solely responsible for student safety or actions during the release time.

Fifth, credit may only be issued in classes sponsored by the School District.

Sixth, no school district monies may be expended to promote, sustain, or encourage any release time program.

Seventh, all students are protected from punishment as a direct result of his/her religious persuasion.

Eighth, no district employee during school time or on school property may encourage, enlist, suggest, or require students to attend any release time program, nor may students during the same time frame or place exert any pressure on any other student to participate in such a program.

Ninth, students are protected from religious representatives who may recruit, interview, or proselyte during school time, on school property, or at school functions.

Tenth, students may be secure in their personal belongings as long as those belongings are not used in the school buildings.

