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SUBJECT: BULLETIN NO. 12  
ABSENCE FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION  
(OTHER THAN RELEASED-TIME)

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This revision replaces Bulletin No. 13, dated July 1, 1974, titled "Absence for Religious Instruction (Other Than Released Time)," from the Division of Educational Support Services. The content and procedures have been changed to meet current needs.

I. BACKGROUND

Board Rule 2126, "Absence for Religious Instruction (Other than Released-Time)," permits a student to be absent for one day, during the school year, to participate in religious instruction other than released-time religious instruction. The request for such absence shall be made in writing by the student's parent or guardian. The adoption of Board Rule 2126 is the result of an understanding reached by the District and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles during a time when a number of parents were requesting students to be excused from school in order to prepare for their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Since then, the Board Rule has been amended to permit any student to be excused from school, not in excess of one day, per school year, to participate in religious instruction.

II. GUIDELINES

Board Rule 2126 gives principals the authority to excuse students for one day per year for other religious instruction. Parents or guardians must notify the school in writing, prior to the requested date of absence. In terms of attendance accounting, such absences are to be recorded as non-apportionment absences.

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