

SILVER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 18-19-20

**AUTHORIZING ABSENCES FOR PARTICIPATION IN
RELIGIOUS EXERCISES OR INSTRUCTION AND
APPROVING STUDENT ABSENCE VERIFICATION METHODS**

WHEREAS, Education Code 46014 authorizes the Board of Education to adopt policy allowing students' absences for participation in religious exercises or instruction; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Legislature that this section shall be permissive only; and

WHEREAS, student absences due to illness or quarantine shall be excused pursuant to California Education Code 48205; and

WHEREAS, student absence due to illness or quarantine may be excused via medical documentation, physical examination or parental verification; and

WHEREAS, a regulation adopted by the California Department of Education, 5 CCR 421, provides that verification methods of absences due to illness or quarantine must be approved by the Governing Board entered into it's minutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pupils may be excused from school in order to participate in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction at their respective places of worship or at other suitable place or places away from school property designated by the religious group, church, or denomination, which shall be in addition and supplementary to the instruction in manners and morals required elsewhere in this code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such absence shall not be deemed absence in computing average daily attendance, if all of the following conditions are complied with:

- a) Students will have written consent of their parents or guardians prior to attending such exercises or instruction.
- b) Each student shall attend the religious exercise or instruction at least the minimum school day.
- c) No student shall be excused from school for such purpose on more than four days per school month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Silver Valley Unified School District Governing Board adopts the following list of Designated Employees to verify student absences due to illness or quarantine using reasonable methods of verification as described above:

- a) School or Public Health Nurse
 - b) Physician
 - c) Principal
 - d) Child Welfare and Attendance Specialist
 - e) Records and Attendance Clerk, School Secretary, School Health Clerk
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Silver Valley Unified School District on March 12, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSENT: _____
ABSTENTION: _____

**SILVER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

I, Mark Staggs, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Silver Valley Unified School District, San Bernardino, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by said Board at a meeting held at its regular meeting place on March 12, 2019, which action is contained in the minutes of the meeting of said Board of Education.

ATTEST:

Mark Staggs, Clerk