



Educational Enhancement Opportunity (EHO) Policy

The Educational Enhancement Opportunity (EHO) as outlined in KRS 159.035 allows students to participate in educational activities outside of school that are of significant educational value and align with Kentucky's core curriculum. While students will be marked as absent for the day(s) they participate in such activities, they may still make up any missed work for full credit.

Each student can be granted up to five (5) days of EHO absence per academic year. To request an EHO absence, parents should submit a brief application form to the Head of School for pre approval at least seven (7) days prior to the planned activity. The Head of School will review the request to ensure the activity meets educational criteria. Please note, requests for EHO absences will not be approved during state or district-wide assessments. These do not utilize parent notes.

Vacation and Family Time During School

While we understand the importance of family time, vacation or personal trips during school time are strongly discouraged. We encourage families to plan personal trips during quarterly breaks whenever possible.

If a trip is necessary during the school year, written notification should be provided at least one week in advance so that teachers can prepare any necessary work for the student. All assigned work must be completed immediately upon the student's return to school. Make-up tests will be scheduled at the teacher's convenience and must be completed within four (4) school days of the student's return. Please note family vacations utilize five (5) of the allowable six (6) parent notes for absences.

Explain the nature of the event and how the activity meets the criteria of (1) having an educational purpose, (2) having significant educational value, and (3) includes an **intensive instructional program in one of the core curriculum subjects such as English, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Foreign Language or the Arts.** Funerals, family vacations, sports events, community events and religious events are **not** within the standards for approval of EHO days. (Use additional paper, if needed, and attach to this completed form.)

Student name:		Dates Requested:	
YTD Absences		Type of Leave Requested (Circle One):	EHO Vacation
Excused		The EHO was: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Vacation: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	
Unexcused		Parent Signature: : Date:	
Total YTD		Head of School Signature: Date:	