

APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE
Butler Area School District * Butler, Pennsylvania 16001

As parents and legal guardians, you are encouraged to schedule vacations at times other than on the days that our schools are in session. Cooperatively, we have an important role in stressing the value of education to our children. Requests to take children and youth out of school may convey the attitude that other activities are more important than school. Therefore, we must continue to emphasize the value of time 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 the absence not exceed five (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 may decline from extended absences, even when they are excused.

Dr. Brian J. White Jr., Superintendent

DIRECTIONS: Complete the application and return it to the building principal TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE FOR WHICH APPROVAL IS REQUESTED.

Student Name: _____ Home Telephone: _____

Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Home Room: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH CHILD AFFECTED BY THIS REQUEST
Completed form should be returned to the child's principal's office.

REASON(S) FOR WAIVER REQUEST (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 from school attendance if their parents/guardians must travel for business or other reasons, and it would constitute a hardship to make arrangements to leave children at home.

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REASON(S) CHECKED: _____

DATES OF ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL: _____

DESTINATION: _____

(Over)

IS THIS YOUR FIRST WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR?

____ (Yes) ____ (No) If no, how many other requests have you made: _____

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date of Application)

Signature/Date of Principal: _____

_____Approved _____Disapproved

**MAKE-UP POLICY
Butler Area School District * Butler, Pennsylvania 16001**

The following statement appears in the Pennsylvania Department of Education brochure titled "Daily Attendance Makes A Difference:"

"Learning builds day by day. When your child misses a day of school, he/she misses a day of learning. It is hard for your child to make up for missing even one day.

Families that place attendance at school as a priority help children take school more seriously. Children receive higher grades when they attend school regularly and pay attention to daily lessons and homework."

Butler Area School District also stresses the importance of regular attendance at school. Therefore, it is important that students and parents/guardians carefully review the attached policy on Make-Up Work. Families should pay particular attention to the section titled "PLANNED ABSENCE" which explains the student's responsibility to make-up work upon return to school.

We have read and fully understand the provisions of Butler Area School District's MAKE-UP POLICY.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____