

## 5230 LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY DISMISSAL

The Board of Education requires that pupils be in attendance for the full school day in order to benefit from the instructional program. That requirement will be waived only when compelling circumstances require that a pupil be late to school or dismissed from school before the end of the school day.

The Principal may excuse for cause the late arrival and early dismissal of a pupil on the prior written request of the pupil's parent or legal guardian. Good cause may include, but need not be limited to:

1. Medical and dental appointments which cannot be scheduled outside of school hours;
2. Medical disability;
3. Motor vehicle driver's test;
4. Interview for college entrance or employment;
5. Family emergency;
6. Court appearance;
7. Illness;
8. Such good cause as may be acceptable to the Principal.

The Principal shall maintain a record of the parents or legal guardians of each pupil. If one parent has been assigned custody of the pupil by court order or separation agreement and wishes to limit the noncustodial parent's access to the pupil, the parent in custody must inform the Principal of any such limitation and may request that his or her authorization be required before the noncustodial parent is granted access. In the absence of such notice, the Principal will presume that a pupil may be released into the care of either parent.

A pupil who suffers an incapacitating medical disability will be released from school only in the presence of an adult.

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