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STUDENTS

7:90 Release During School Hours

It is necessary that a student be in attendance throughout the school day in order to benefit fully from the educational program of the District. The Board of Education recognizes, however, that from time-to-time compelling circumstances require that a student be late to school or dismissed before the end of the school day.

For safety and security reasons, a prior written or oral consent of a student's custodial parent/guardian is required before a student is released during school hours: (1) at any time before the regular dismissal time or at any time before school is otherwise officially closed, and/or (2) to any person other than a custodial parent/guardian.

Early Dismissal Announcement

The Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to issue an announcement whenever it is necessary to close school early due to inclement weather or other reason.

Voting^{Q1}

The Superintendent or designee shall specify the hours during which students who are entitled to vote at a primary, general, or special election, or any election at which propositions are submitted to a popular vote in Illinois, may be absent from school for a period of two hours to vote. Students are entitled to be absent from school to vote beginning the 15th day before the primary, general, or special election, or any election at which propositions are submitted to a popular vote in Illinois, or on the day of such election.

LEGAL REF.:

10 ILCS 5/7-42(b) and 5/17-15(b), Election Code.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety)

Questions and Answers:

*****Required Question 1.** 10 ILCS 5/7-42 and 10 ILCS 5/17-15, amended by P.A. 101-624, eff. 6-1-20, provide that beginning on the 15th day before a primary, general, or special election or on the day of any such election, any student who is eligible to vote is entitled to be absent for two hours during the school day to vote. Districts may specify the hours during which eligible students may be absent from their schools. See the footnotes of sample policy 7:90, available at **PRESS** Online by logging in at www.iasb.com, for more information.

Including this subhead aligns with best practice and serves several policy functions and purposes: ensuring legal compliance, directing or authorizing the superintendent or staff members, and/or providing information. However, including this information in policy is not required.

Has the Board adopted the Voting subhead?

- Yes (default)
- No (IASB will remove the Voting subhead and the Legal Reference to it from this policy, and the references to it from policy 7:70)