



POLICY:

REGULATION: JEFA OPEN/CLOSED CAMPUS

EXHIBIT:

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regulation 468/88, subsection 39, of the Education Administration Act states clearly that the principal has the duty to exercise disciplinary authority over the conduct of each pupil from the time of the pupil's arrival at school until the pupil's departure for the day; except during any period when the pupil is absent from the school premises at the request of the pupil's parent or guardian.

Principals must inform parents that the right to leave school grounds at noon hour is subject to principal approval and that this permission will be accorded in legitimate cases only. Blanket permissions for the year are acceptable in as parents are aware and accountable for their child's whereabouts and welfare during the time when the child absents himself or herself from school. Parents should be discouraged from allowing their children to leave school grounds during the noon hour if they cannot justify to the principal's satisfaction the legitimacy of the request.

Permission to leave school grounds for those students who do not normally go home for lunch is a shared responsibility between the student, the parent and the principal as "all three are ultimately accountable for the outcomes of the decision."

APPROVED:

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SOURCE:

OTHER REFERENCE: