



St. Francis of Assisi Academy Extended Absence Form

The most important thing a student can do (and a parent can support) to ensure success in school is to have regular attendance in every one of his/her classes. Each day, direct teacher instruction occurs on curriculum aligned, high level topics; being taught in a traditional classroom setting by one of our excellent teachers is never the same as getting the notes outside of class time, or simply completing missed assignments. There are activities and discussions which occur in classes that simply cannot be replicated, and there are curriculum objectives that can only be achieved through participation. Teaching is a dynamic process; we often refine our practice, review, reteach, and re-assess based on formative assessment and information we gather during your child's participation in class.

We understand and respect that some absences are out of your control (i.e. illness or death of a loved one, or a special family circumstance). However, as educators, we must be honest and upfront: planned absences have a negative educational impact that we cannot control, and we want to ensure you are aware of the impact. Ultimately, we will always respect your decisions. Please complete the following in consultation with each of your child's teachers ahead of the extended absence.

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Date of Extended Absence:** _____

Class	Current Grade	Number of days or classes missed to date	Number of classes to be missed with planned absence	Number of assignments/assessments to be missed with planned absence
Religion				
Social				
Language Arts				
Science				
Math				

I understand that as a result of my child's planned absence, my child will be missing valuable material that cannot be replicated by his/her teachers and are therefore responsible to oversee the completion of curriculum and content missed. Please return this completed form to our Principal, Diana Atkinson.

Parent Signature: _____