



Socrates Academy Educational Trip Requirements

Socrates Academy Administration supports family travel for trips that are once in a life time experiences. However, we need your support as parents/guardians in order to keep your Socrates Scholar on track academically. Please know that assignments can be given for instruction that will be missed during the scholar's absence if requested from the teacher one week in advance of departure. Remember, for regular school assignments, for every day missed, the assignments will need to be completed within two days of your return for each day missed.

Also an Educational Trip Presentation project is required that focuses on your trip and experiences that will be shared with your scholar's class when he/she returns. The project presentation will be due within 7 school days after your return to school. If a K-8 Educational Trip Application has been submitted and approved, then the days absent will become lawful. Please limit your request for trips to one per school year. (NC Law requires daily attendance in school for children ages 7 to 16 years of age.)

The project must include, but not limited to:

- Purpose of the trip
- Places traveled
- New things learned on the trip
- Artistic representation of the trip or photographs from the trip, and
- What other city or place do you want to visit next? Please include the reason you chose that city or place to travel next.

Upon your completion of this project, please submit to your HomeBase teacher within seven days of your return to school. Your class presentation will be scheduled by your teacher with an administrator.



K-8 SOCRATES ACADEMY EDUCATIONAL TRIP APPLICATION

This form must be completed and submitted to the principal prior to the absence in order for the absences to be considered as valid/lawful. No student will be excused for more than the five (5) school days per school year. (The approval for excused absences will be on a case by case basis).

When it is demonstrated that the purpose of the absence is to take advantage of a valid educational opportunity, such as travel, the absence(s) may be considered valid/lawful. Approval for such an absence(s), however, must be granted prior to the absence(s).

(School Attendance & Student Accounting Manual, Public Schools of North Carolina, 2009-2010, Chapter 2, Section IV-D)

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Date(s) of proposed absence: _____

Date of return to school: _____ Total number of days of school to be missed: _____

Historical Site(s) _____ Museums _____ Leadership Opportunities _____

Aquarium _____ Zoo _____ Other _____

Description: _____

AGREEMENT:

Occasionally students will have an opportunity to travel and learn from an educational trip. As parents/guardians, I will submit the educational trip application for administrative approval, before the trip is taken. Within seven days of returning to school, I will supervise the completion of the Educational Trip Presentation. The child's presentation will be submitted to the HomeBase teacher and presented to the class as required by the Education Trip Presentation Rubric. The educational trip will be no more than five school days. (The approval for excused absences will be on a case by case basis).

Signature of Parent/Guardian

_____ Signature of HomeBase Teacher when submitted

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_____ Signature of Principal/Designee

Application: _____ Denied _____ Approved Date _____

No. of Days _____ Denied _____ Approved