

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
FORT BRAGG
AND
MOORE COUNTY SCHOOLS

SUBJECT: Use of Student Excused Absences During Soldiers' Block Leave Related to Post-Deployments

1. References. Public Schools of North Carolina School Attendance and Student Accounting Manual, 2007-2008 (IV-A).

2. Purpose. To establish procedures governing children of Soldiers, receiving excused absences during block leave post-deployment.

3. Definitions.

a. Block Leave - Recommended period of leave up to 30 days which the service member may qualify for after deployment.

b. Deployment - The movement of an individual or entire military unit to an overseas location to accomplish a task or mission. The mission may be as routine as providing training, or as dangerous as a war.

c. Post-deployment - When the military parent or spouse returns to their home station.

d. Excused absence - Lawful absence that excuses a student temporarily from attendance in school.

4. Responsibilities.

a. Soldier/Student:

(1) Agrees to coordinate the request or questions regarding excused absences directly with the principal or his/her designee.

(2) Agrees to request the excused absence in writing prior to leaving.

(3) Agrees to provide a copy of their orders and signed leave form to the school for verification.

(4) Is responsible for finding out what assignments are due and completing them within the specified time period.

(5) Agrees to encourage their children's model attendance (barring illness, Family emergencies, or other similar incidents) during period of deployment to minimize the effect of additional missed absences during post-deployment activities.

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(6) Understands that a request due to post-deployment block leave may not be granted if student is not in good school standing, which may include, but is not limited to, low grades, prior multiple absences, current suspension, etc.

(7) Understands the request may not be granted if the request falls during testing dates.

(8) Agrees to complete all missed assignments to include quizzes, tests, and class work.

b. School:

(1) Agrees to provide up to five consecutive days of excused absences to the student.

(2) Agrees to discuss student's academic standing with the Soldier prior to approving excused absence.

(3) Agrees the student will be permitted to make up his/her work, and will determine the timeframe of when this work is to be accomplished.

(4) Reserves the right to grant excused absences on a case by case basis; this is dependent upon the student's academic, attendance and any disciplinary history.

(5) Agrees, in respect to the Memorandum of Understanding, if the student meets all of the requirements as outlined, the student will receive the appropriate grade based upon completion of all school work.

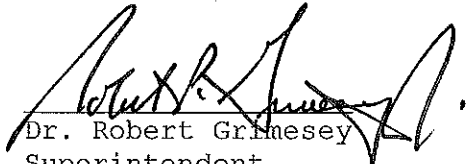
(6) Agrees to provide study material to the student prior to leaving.

5. This Memorandum of Understanding takes effect immediately upon signature by Garrison Commander and Local Education Agency Superintendent. It remains in effect until both or one agency can no longer fulfill the promises specified herein.

6. This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified by mutual agreement of the Garrison Commander and the Superintendent in the event either party violates the agreement.

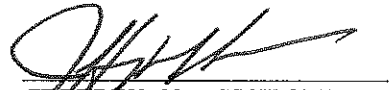
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