

**Teton School District No. 401**

**INSTRUCTION**

**2360**

Release Time

For students in grades K through 8 (K-8), the District may allow release time.

Upon application, students in grades 9-12 may be excused from school provided that no student will be excused in excess of five (5) periods in a school week or one hundred sixty-five (165) hours in any given school year.

The Board shall, in its sole discretion, determine release time(s)

No student will be permitted to attend release time programs except upon written request from a parent or guardian filed with the school principal.

Release time shall not interfere with the scheduling of classes, activities and programs of public schools. No credit shall be given for completion of courses during release time for religious purposes. Credit may be granted for other purposes, at the discretion of the school board. Registration for release time programs shall not occur on school property.

The District is not responsible for the health, safety and welfare of a student participating in a release time program nor will the District be liable for acts, injuries or events occurring while: (1) a student is being transported to and from release time programs; or (2) while a student participates in release time programs.

Legal Reference: Article IX, § 6 Idaho Constitution – Religious Test and Teaching in School Prohibited  
I.C. § 33-519 Release for Religious Instruction  
I.C. § 33-1603 Sectarian Instruction Forbidden  
IDAPA 08.02.02.220 Release Time Program for Elementary and Secondary Schools

Policy History:

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