

# Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (A-B Tech) Policy Manual

## Policy 222: School Absences for Religious Holidays and Observances

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees to be in compliance with N.C.G.S. & 115D-5 (u) regarding School Absence for Religious Holidays. Each A-B Tech Community College student is eligible to take up to two calendar days as an excused absence for religious observances each academic year.

Scope

Curriculum and continuing education students.

Definitions

N.C.G.S. & 115D-5 (u): “The State Board of Community Colleges shall direct each community college to adopt a policy that authorizes a minimum of two excused absences each academic year for religious observances required by the faith of a student. The policy may require that the student provide written notice of the request for an excused absence a reasonable time prior to the religious observance. The policy shall also provide that the student shall be given the opportunity to make up any tests or other work missed due to an excused absence for a religious observance.”

Academic year: The sequence of fall, spring and summer semesters.

References

N.C.G.S. & 115D-5 (u), amended on July 20, 2010

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