



Ohr HaTorah
Religious School

OHR HATORAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT

Dear Religious School Families:

Below is the Ohr HaTorah Religious School attendance policy for **Grades 3-7**. Please read carefully and discuss the policy in full with your child. Please note that the OHT attendance agreement involves **both students and their parents**. **We ask that both students and parents initial each paragraph and sign at the end of the agreement.**

1. Each student is allowed six days of approved absences (i.e. illness, doctor appointments etc). Because we value all of our students and miss them when they are absent, a member of the Management Team will telephone the family about the absence. In order to keep our students' learning continuous and consistent, make-up assignments are required for class sessions missed.

2. All work and worksheets will be available on the Ohr HaTorah website for easy access to students who are absent as well as to those students who arrive late or leave early. Please have your child turn in his/her make-up assignment at the beginning of the next class.

3. At 7-9 absences, in addition to having made-up all missed class work, the student will be required to attend Shabbat services on days Religious School is not in session and write a brief description of the service, their personal experience of it and/or the Rabbi's teachings.

4. At 10 absences, a phone conference or office appointment will take place immediately between the family, the Management Team and the Director of Education. A discussion will occur as to how the Ohr HaTorah staff can best support the student's not missing any more days of school, and ensure sufficient mastery of material by year-end to allow matriculation to the next grade. We trust that you will not schedule any extra-curricular activities for your child that will conflict with our religious school schedule on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

5. The Religious School Retreat is a wonderful opportunity for our students to connect beyond the school setting and develop stronger bonds with one another. It is also a way by which we teach our children the value of community. The OHT Religious School Retreat is an integral part of our program. Attendance at the Religious School Retreat is mandatory to all Grade 2-7 students.

6. Among the values we teach at Ohr HaTorah are observance of Shabbat and study of Torah. We cannot possibly expect our students to internalize the integrity of these values unless their parents express a similar commitment to the same values. We trust that you and your family became members of Ohr HaTorah because you see the merit of our mission and our vision. Thus, we trust that the entire family will attend synagogue on Shabbat – parents will attend morning services while children are attending Saturday Religious School. We thank you for encouraging your children to understand the importance of Judaism to your family by engaging in study while they study. If you feel that this part of the attendance policy may not correspond with your family's lifestyle, it may be that Ohr HaTorah is not the right spiritual home for you at this time.

Please sign below and return this agreement to the OHT office with your registration forms. If you have any questions, please call the Religious School office at (310) 915-5200.

Thank you

Student's name

Student's signature

Date

Parent's name

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