

Request for Excused Absence for Military Family Deployment and/or Reunification

{Date}

Dear {Principal},

The parent/guardian of _____ is deploying and/or returning home from military deployment on _____. My child, _____, will be absent on _____ for deployment and/or reunification.

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children, and California Education Code Section 49701 provide definitions as follows:

Article II

(D) "Deployment" means: the period one (1) month prior to the service members' departure from their home station on military orders through six (6) months after return to their home station.

Article V

(E) Absence as related to deployment activities – A student whose parent or legal guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined by the compact, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, shall be granted additional excused absences at the discretion of the local education agency superintendent to visit with his or her parent or legal guardian relative to such leave or deployment of the parent or guardian.

I understand that Coronado Unified School District allows a standard of one excused absence, and I am asking that my child not be penalized for this absence so that he/she can have time with his/her parent/guardian who serves our country.

Thank you in advance for the many ways your tender care and attention to this matter will help my son/daughter cope throughout this period of change.

Sincerely,

{Parent/Guardian Signature and phone number}

Notes:

Under certain circumstances the Superintendent or designee may grant ***additional days*** as excused absences on a case by case basis. This authority has been delegated to school site administrators. If you would like to request additional days, please submit a request to your school's front office staff. It will be the practice to grant additional days for deployment and/or reunification. Advanced notification is required so that any potential impacts to student success can be discussed and mitigated.

If you have specific questions about the Interstate Compact, please contact the Navy School Liaison Officer at 619-991-2509.