

State of Minnesota

H. F. No. **2709**

(v) the child has a condition that requires ongoing treatment for a mental health diagnosis;  
or

(vi) other exemptions included in the district's school attendance policy;

(2) that the child has already completed state and district standards required for graduation from high school; ~~or~~

(3) that it is the wish of the parent, guardian, or other person having control of the child, that the child attend for a period or periods not exceeding in the aggregate three hours in any week, a school for religious instruction conducted and maintained by some church, or association of churches, or any Sunday school association incorporated under the laws of this state, or any auxiliary thereof. This school for religious instruction must be conducted and maintained in a place other than a public school building, and it must not, in whole or in part, be conducted and maintained at public expense. However, a child may be absent from school on such days as the child attends upon instruction according to the ordinances of some church; or

(4) that the child's parent or guardian or other person having control of the child submits a written request to the district asking that the child be excused from school for up to five consecutive school days at a time, up to five times in any one school year, when the child has agreed to participate in the entertainment or a related industry, provided there is also an agreed-upon plan allowing the child to (i) receive instruction and (ii) complete and receive credit for all coursework and tests the child misses during the child's absences.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision 6, paragraph (a), a parent may withdraw a child from an all-day, every day kindergarten program and put their child in a half-day program, if offered, or an alternate-day program without being truant. A school board must excuse a kindergarten child from a part of a school day at the request of the child's parent.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2017-2018 school year and later.