

**158.294 Excused absences for students who participate in Veterans' Service Organization Burial Honor Guard -- Inclusion in instructional program.**

- (1) An excused absence may be granted, subject to approval by the local school board, to all students of Kentucky secondary schools who participate in the Veterans' Service Organization Burial Honor Guard Program. Most likely these would be students already participating in JROTC, drum corps, or other military programs; however, the Veterans' Service Organization Burial Honor Guard Program is not limited to these students. This excused absence should include time spent training, traveling, and participating in the Veterans' Service Organization Burial Honor Guard Program.
- (2) The local school board may also adopt a policy to allow students to participate in the Veterans' Service Organization Burial Honor Guard Program as a part of the instructional program.
- (3) This policy of either excused absences or including Veterans' Service Organization Burial Honor Guard Program participation as a part of the instructional program shall not in any way penalize the local school district.

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