McCormick Middle School
Student Travel & Family Vacation Form

Student's Name:_____

Although vacation travel may be quite educational in its own right, there is no legal provision in the Revised Code of Ohio permitting schools to grant students excused absences from their classes in order to travel.

The law, on the other hand, does not prohibit such absences under the penalty of truancy from school. Many families cannot always plan vacations to coincide with schools holidays. Schools are permitted however, to stipulate the conditions under which they will permit student absences for reasons other than those explicitly stated in the Revised Code. For absences resulting from family vacations, McCormick Middle School ask that students and parents read the conditions below and complete the requested information prior to the departure from school:

1. A limit of FIVE days will be excused per school year for vacation. This is in accordance with the Board approved handbook.
2. All trips that require absences from school must be approved by the school in order for the absence to be excused.
3. The principal has the right not to excuse the student if academic achievement is unacceptable.
4. We ask parents to consider seriously the effect extended absences may have upon a student's school progress.
5. Parents and students assume full responsibility for making up any tests, quizzes, or assignments during the period of absence.
6. The student must make an effort to obtain this work from each of their teachers after they return to school from being absent. The school is not obligated to permit make-up work if proper arrangements have not been made prior to the absences.

This form must be signed by the parent and approved by the principal and teachers at least one week prior to the dates of the vacation.

1. Reason for absence:_____
2. Expected Leave Date:_____ Return Date:_____
3. Signatures of classroom teachers:

Class	Signature
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. Parent Signature:_____
5. Approved by:_____ (Principal)