Senior Attendance Contract 2018-19

All Class of 2019 seniors, as a condition of participating in the graduation ceremony or commencement, must have a record of good school attendance during their senior year. Good school attendance will be established in our senior attendance policy and will affect participation in commencement and all senior activities (including prom) California Education Code (C.E.C) 48200 states that all children between the ages of 6 and 18 must attend school full-time and be present at school for the time designated as a school day, unless exempted by law.

As explained in multiple assemblies, announcements, and the student handbook, the senior attendance policy begins on the first day of school instruction, August 14th, 2018, or begins on the first day a student enrolls in our school. The policy and its enforcement continues until the last day of school. New and transferring students must meet the Grant High school attendance policy in order to participate in all senior activities, including prom, senior picnic, homecoming, and commencement / graduation ceremony, etc.

Each senior will be responsible for keeping track of her or his individual absences. Notifications will be made periodically to students at risk. Parents and students should use report cards to help track absences. An automated telephone system may also serve as an alert when absences occur. All students should make an effort to schedule doctor and medical appointments outside of school hours.

SENIOR ATTENDANCE POLICY
(1) Students may not exceed the equivalent of 7 days absent (both excused and unexcused, cleared or uncleared) for the entire 2018-19 school year. All period absences accumulate toward the equivalency of 7 days.
(2) Senior activities will be tied to the attendance policy.
(3) Students must be in good standing to participate in any given activity.
(4) In the spring semester, an attendance review will be conducted to identify seniors who have excessive absences. Students on the list may jeopardize participation in senior all privileges, including commencement / graduation ceremony.

ABSENCES – EXCUSED (Per California Ed Code 48205) (documentation to verify the absence may be requested) include:
- Illness or injury
- Quarantine
- Medical, dental, optometric
- Funeral of an immediate family member
- Justifiable Personal Reasons*
  - Appearance in court
  - Attendance at a funeral service
  - Attendance at a religious retreat (shall not exceed four hours per semester)
  - Medical exclusion or exemption

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o Observance of religious or cultural holiday, ceremony, or secular historical remembrance
o Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day

**APPEALS**
There will be an end of year appeal committee to review individual circumstances case by case, individual by individual. The appeals process will consist of two phases, a paper appeal application and an appeal committee interview for which families (parents or guardians) must be in attendance. Committee decisions will be final.

I, _________________________________ (print name), __________________________ (DOB), acknowledge awareness of Grant High School’s policies about senior attendance.

Student Signature: ________________________________________________________________

Parent / Guardian Signature: ________________________________________________________

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*Per District Policy (see LAUSD Parent Student Handbook 2018-2019 pp, 1 - 2), Justifiable Personal Reasons is when the pupil’s absence has been requested in writing by the parent and approved by the principal or designee prior to the absence.

Pupils, with the written consent of their parents or guardians, may be excused from school in order to participate in religious exercises with prior approval by the school principal (Education Code Section 46014).

Listed below are the days my student is requesting for approval to observe a religious or cultural holiday, ceremony, or secular historical remembrance:

1. ____________________________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________________________
4. ____________________________________________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________________________________________
6. ____________________________________________________________________________
7. ____________________________________________________________________________
8. ____________________________________________________________________________