

JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED OFF-CAMPUS DEMONSTRATIONS

Johnson High School respects the rights of students to express their opinions about important issues while also striving to maintain a positive school environment conducive to study, reflection, and learning.

When Johnson High School students choose to engage in non-school-sponsored organized and recognized off-campus events or demonstrations focused on important world, national, state, or city issues while regular classes are in session, Johnson High School will use the following procedures to record their attendance status, remain compliant with Saint Paul Public Schools' policies, and ensure clear and open communications to families:

- 1) In compliance with Saint Paul Public Schools' policy, JHS students who leave school to attend an event or demonstration that is not a part of the JHS educational program cannot return to school on the same day they walk out. We expect them back in all their classes on the following school day.
- 2) It is the responsibility of the student planning to leave school to attend a non-school off-campus event or demonstration to consult directly with the teachers of the classes they will miss and to complete all required classwork on a mutually agreed upon schedule. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the student to keep track of their total number of absences and to understand that missing class can have a negative impact on their course grades and GPA—regardless of whether the absence is EXCUSED or UNEXCUSED.
- 3) Attendance for JHS students who choose to miss classes to attend an off-campus event or demonstration will be marked as "UNEXCUSED", unless the student brings an "Application for Excused Absence Status" form signed by a parent or guardian to the main office prior to or before the end of the next school day following the event or demonstration. Students who provide a signed form will be marked as "EXCUSED" for the class time missed while they were off campus at the demonstration or event.

The forms are available at the front desk, and will only be accepted at the aforementioned times.