

**EXPLANATION**  
2017-2018  
**EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Wilmore Free Methodist Church (WFMC) Bible Quiz program has significant educational value and purpose, as the Bible is easily the most influential literature in Western Civilization. Students who are part of this team commit to at least 90 minutes of study per week (and many students do many times that amount) in intensive reading of the year's selected material. This year, the students are studying the book Acts. Each Wednesday evening, the team comes together to practice under the supervision of the coaches. Once a month, the WFMC team competes in regional quiz meets, mostly at destinations in Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio, with a national tournament each summer (this upcoming summer they will travel to Greenville, IL for the week-long tournament.)

Many students not only memorize all the required quotation verses, but also commit to memory the entirety of the program material, including whole books. Obviously, we are excited about what this has the potential to mean for the students' spiritual growth and Christian walk, but such commitment and focus also strengthens their intellectual development, cognitive skills, reading comprehension, ability to recall pertinent information quickly, and sense of accomplishment, while developing good time-management habits. These habits of mind spill over into everything students do, and our quizzers tend to be far more studious in their other coursework, with far higher retention and recall, than they would otherwise have been.

The program specifically connects to the core curriculum of English, building vocabulary and the ability to recognize, comprehend, and reproduce the complex language patterns of higher order rhetoric and argumentation. The texts being studied are foundational to much of our civic life and their influence can be traced throughout the history of the West and of this country. As literature, these texts echo throughout the work of innumerable and influential authors and thinkers across a wide range of genres and centuries. It is difficult to imagine an education could be complete without at least an overview of this work, and our Bible Quiz program offers a much more intensive study.

For most of the dates listed, students will need a short early release to give them time to board the bus in Wilmore for its 4:00 departure. One of the dates, because of the distance we must travel to attend the quiz meet, they will need to be released early enough to board the bus at 12:00 noon.

**Dates of Intended Absences for 2017-2018**

Friday, Oct 6 – leaving school at 3:00 p.m.  
Friday, Nov 3 – leaving school at 3:00 p.m.  
Friday, Dec 1 – leaving school at 3:00 p.m.  
Friday, Jan 5 – leaving school at 11:00a.m.  
Friday, Feb 2 – leaving school 3:00 p.m.  
Friday, April 6 – leaving school at 3:00 p.m.  
Friday, May 4 – leaving school at 3:00 p.m.



**Educational Enhancement Opportunity Request Forms**

**FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

**(THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL / DESIGNEE)**

This request must meet all three criteria to be eligible for an educational opportunity absence:

- 1. This request is for an absence that will have “significant educational value” and be “intensive” in nature. Yes  No
- 2. This trip is tied to one of the core curriculum subjects of English, science, mathematics, social studies, foreign language or the arts. Yes  No
- 3. The major purpose of the trip is educational. Yes  No

As Principal, I recommend  I do not recommend  that this educational opportunity absence be granted.

Principal’s Rationale \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature of Principal

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Date

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As Superintendent, I recommend  I do not recommend  that this educational opportunity absence be granted.

Superintendent’s Rationale \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature of Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The District grants  does not grant  this educational opportunity absence.

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Signature of the Board Chairman

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Date