- A. Excused absences shall include
 - 1. Personal illness
 - 2. Death in the family or serious illness in the family
 - 3. Observance of religious holidays of the student's ownfaith
 - 4. School-related field trips or educational activities approved by the district and/or building administrations
 - 5. Special circumstances, such as a court summons, family emergencies, educational experiences, weather extremes, etc., which require immediate action and that the school principal deems acceptable

In order for any absence, with the exception of school field trips, to be excused, students must submit written documentation explaining the

nonpublic, or educating the child at home in an organized educational program. July 1, 2003, the law was amended to include the following: a child, five (5) years of age, who enrolls in public kindergarten, will have to abide by the same guidelines as outlined in Miss. Code Ann. §37-13-91.

To register a child for home school, the parent/legal guardian shall contact the Mississippi State