

Exemptions from Required Instruction

If the religious or closely held personal beliefs and teachings of a student or the student's parent/guardian are contrary to the content of a school subject or to any part of a school activity, the student may be exempt from participation. To receive such an exemption, the parent/guardian must present a written request for exemption to the school principal, stating the conflict involved. If the request for the exemption is from some or all of a planned curriculum that includes a discussion of human sexuality, no reason must be given by the parent/guardian when requesting the exemption.

If the parent/guardian disagrees with the principal's decision regarding the requested exemption, the parent/guardian may appeal in writing to the superintendent, whose decision on the matter shall be final. Such written appeal shall be filed within 10 days of the parent/guardian's receipt of the principal's decision.

If a student is unable to participate in a physical education class, the student must present to the school principal a statement from a physician or other licensed health care professional stating the reason for the inability to participate.

Exemptions from required instruction do not excuse a student from the district's total requirements for graduation from high school.

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