

Exemption From Specific Instruction

<u>Purpose</u>

The Board of Trustees adopts this Policy to ensure that parents/guardians have the right, in accordance with applicable law and regulations, to have their children excused from specific instruction that conflicts with their religious beliefs.

Definitions

Specific instruction means identifiable elements of instruction by the teacher. It does not include required reading or academic standards.

Guidelines

Parents/guardians may review information about the School's curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials, and assessment techniques in accordance with the Board of Trustees' Policy titled "Review of Curriculum and Instructional Materials."

Parents/guardians may request that their child be excused from specific instruction conflicting with their religious beliefs by making a written request to the CEO or designee. The request must clearly identify the specific instruction from which the student is to be excused and state that the specific instruction for which an excusal is sought is in conflict with their religious beliefs.

It shall not be the responsibility of the School or any of its employees to ensure that a student exercises their right to be excused in accordance with a parental/guardian request. It shall be the responsibility of the student to request permission to leave class when the specific instruction objected to is presented.

Students who are exempted from specific instruction pursuant to this Policy will be assigned alternate activities, as determined by the principal, in their sole discretion, and in a way that does not require the provision of extra School resources.

The principal or designee shall determine where a student who has been exempted from specific instruction shall report during the time the student is excused. All students excused from specific instruction shall still be required to achieve the academic standards established by the School as necessary for graduation/promotion.

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