



Section: PROGRAMS
Title: EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION
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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>3. Definition</p> <p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy is to comply with the requirement of the State Board of Education that schools provide parents the right to have their children excused from specific instruction which conflicts with their religious beliefs.</p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee adopts this policy to ensure that parents have the right to have their children excused from specific instruction that conflicts with their religious beliefs.</p> <p>As used in this policy, the phrase specific instruction means identifiable elements of instruction by the teacher. It does not include required reading or academic standards.</p> <p>The rights granted by this policy are granted to parents of students enrolled in the Career and Technology Center where the students are under the age of eighteen (18) and to the students themselves when the student is eighteen (18) or over, unless the student is incapable of making the decision due to a disability.</p> <p>The Career and Technology Center shall excuse any student from specific instruction, as defined in this policy, subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To assist the Career and Technology Center in ensuring that the student is excused from the correct specific instruction, the request must be made in writing and must detail the specific instruction from which the student is to be excused. 2. The written request to be excused shall be sent by the qualifying parent or student to the Assistant Principal. One copy of the request shall be retained in the student's permanent school records, a copy shall be kept by the school Assistant Principal, and a copy shall be submitted to the teacher from whose instruction the student is to be excused. 	<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4 (d)</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="535 220 1177 703">3. It shall not be the responsibility of the Career and Technology Center or any of its employees to ensure that the child exercises his/her right to be excused, and school employees are prohibited from initiating action to have any student leave class in accordance with a parental request. Instead, it is the responsibility of the student to request permission to leave class when the specific instruction objected to is or is about to be presented. When the student seeks to be excused, the teacher shall excuse the student if (a) the teacher has a copy of the written request or, if upon checking with the Assistant Principal, the Assistant Principal has a copy of the written request; and (b) the written request adequately describes the instruction that is taking place or about to take place. <li data-bbox="535 714 1177 808">4. The written request must contain a statement that the specific instruction described conflicts with the religious beliefs of the student or of the parents. <li data-bbox="535 819 1177 1081">5. The parent and/or student shall designate on the request to be excused the replacement educational activities in which the student shall engage during the time the student is excused. The only permissible educational activity for this purpose shall be in the nature of replacement instruction that is consistent with the goals set for the course and that does not require the provision of any extra resources by the district. <li data-bbox="535 1092 1177 1186">6. The Assistant Principal shall determine where the student shall report during the time the student is excused. <li data-bbox="535 1197 1177 1312">7. All students excused from specific instruction shall be required to achieve the academic standards established by the Career and Technology Center as necessary for graduation. 	<p data-bbox="1242 220 1339 252">Pol. 102</p> <p data-bbox="1242 283 1372 367">PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.4 (d)</p> <p data-bbox="1242 588 1339 619">Pol. 102</p>