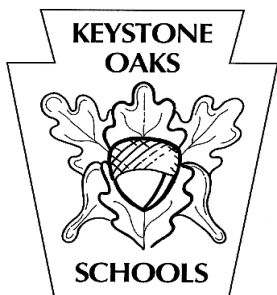


KEYSTONE OAKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Policy Guide



Policy No. 105.2

Section PROGRAMS

Title EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION

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<b>POLICY NO. 105.2 EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION</b>		
<b>Section 1</b>	<p><b><u>Purpose</u></b></p> <p>The Board adopts this policy to ensure that parents/guardians have the right to have their children excused from specific instruction which conflicts with their religious beliefs.</p>	Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 11.7
<b>Section 3</b>	<p><b><u>Guidelines</u></b></p> <p>The rights granted by this policy are granted to parents/guardians of students enrolled in the District when the students are under the age of eighteen (18) and to the students themselves when the student is eighteen (18) or over.</p> <p>The District shall excuse any student from instruction as defined in this policy subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To assist the District in ensuring that the student is excused from the correct specific instruction, the request must be made in writing and must detail the portions of instruction with respect to which the student is to be excused.</li> <li>2. The written request to be excused shall be sent by the parent/guardian or student to the Building Principal.</li> </ol>	

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One (1) copy of the request shall be retained in the student's permanent school records, one (1) copy shall be kept by the school principal, and one (1) copy shall be submitted to the teacher from whose instruction the student is to be excused.

3. It shall not be the responsibility of the District or any of its employees to ensure that the student exercises his/her right to be excused in accordance with a parent request. It shall be the responsibility of the student to request permission to leave class when the specific instruction objected to is being presented. However, the District does aspire to respect the wishes of the parent/guardian/student and a teacher may remind the student and help them to exit the classroom in an unobtrusive manner.

When the students seeks to be excused, the teacher shall excuse the student if the teacher or principal has a copy of the written request and the written request adequately describes the specific instruction.

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/guardians.
5. The parent/guardian and/or student may request suggested replacement educational activities. 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. The parent/guardian and/or student may consult with the principal or teacher for recommendations concerning replacement educational activities.
6. The building principal shall determine where the student shall report during the time the student is excused.
7. All students excused from specific instruction shall be required to achieve the academic standards established by the District as necessary for graduation.

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References:

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4,  
11.17

Board Policy – 102, 217