

Administrative Regulation

Release from Studies which Conflict with Religious Beliefs

Students may be provided instruction in any of the sciences, including health, healthful living, and state requirements courses, with the following exception:

“...classroom health instruction in physiology or anatomy and in the characteristics of diseases, their cause, course, or cure, or films, exhibits, lectures and demonstrations of like nature, when such training conflicts with the religious beliefs of the parent/guardian of any pupil.”

- A. After written notification from the parent/guardian has been received by the school, the counselor may excuse the pupil from that portion of the instruction which conflicts with the religious beliefs. Such written requests shall be kept active in the student's cumulative folder.
- B. The principal is responsible to inform teachers that students who are excused from any part of classroom instruction are to be assigned independent study projects which are not in conflict with religious beliefs. The assigned studies will be averaged with the regular class assignments. Students shall not have their academic standing jeopardized because they have been released.
- C. Students who are excused will be given alternate assignments equal to the demands of those they otherwise would have received. Alternate assignments will be specific, manageable, and productive, with emphasis on concern for the student's relationship with peers.
- D. The study of narcotics is an approved unit required of all students.

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