

RELIGIOUS-BASED EXCLUSION FROM A SCHOOL PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY

Parents who wish to have their child excluded from a school program because of religious beliefs must inform the superintendent or designee. The board authorizes the administration to allow the exclusion if it is not disruptive to the education program and it does not infringe on a compelling state or educational interest. Further, the exclusion must not interfere with other school district operations.

Students who are allowed to be excluded from a program or activity which violates their religious beliefs are required to do an alternate supervised activity or study.

Legal Ref.: U.S. Const. amend. I.
Lee v. Weisman, 112 S.Ct. 2649 (1992).
Lemon v. Kurtzman, 403 U.S. 602 (1971).
Graham v. Central Community School District of Decatur County, 608 F.Supp. 531 (S.D. Iowa 1985).
Iowa Code §§ 256.11(6); 279.8 (2013).

Cross Ref. 602.8 Health Education
604.5 Holiday Celebrations

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