

# Antietam School District

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXEMPTION FROM  
INSTRUCTION

ADOPTED: February 26, 1997

REVISED: February 27, 2006

<p>1. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 11.7</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">105.2. EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION</p> <p>The Board adopts this policy to ensure that parents/guardians have the right to have their children excused from specific instruction that conflicts with their religious beliefs.</p> <p>The rights granted by this policy are granted to parents/guardians of students enrolled in this district where 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 specific instruction, subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To assist the school district in ensuring that the student is excused from the correct specific instruction, the request must be made in writing and must detail the <u>specific</u> instruction from which the student is to be excused.</li><li>2. The written request to be excused shall be sent by the qualifying parent or student to the building principal in triplicate. One copy shall be retained in the student's permanent school records, a copy shall be kept by the school principal, and a copy shall be submitted to the teacher from whose instruction the student is to be excused.</li><li>3. It shall not be the responsibility of the district or any of its employees to ensure that the child exercises his/her right to be excused in accordance with a parental request. It shall be the responsibility of the student to request permission to leave class when the specific instruction objected to is presented.</li></ol> <p>When the child seeks to be excused, the teacher shall excuse the child if the teacher or principal has a copy of the written request or, if upon checking with the principal, the principal has a copy of the written request, and the written request adequately describes the specific instruction.</p>
--	--

105.2. EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION - Pg. 2

<p>Pol. 102, 217</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li><li>5. The parent/guardian and/or student may request 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 does not require the provision of any extra resources by the district.</li><li>6. The building principal shall determine where the student shall report during the time the student is excused.</li><li>7. All students excused from specific instruction shall be required to achieve the academic standards established by the district and are necessary for graduation.</li></ol> <p>References: State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 11.7 Board Policy – 102, 217</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>PSBA Revised 11/04</b></p>
----------------------	--