

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

105.2-AR-0. EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION

Parents/Guardians of students under the age of eighteen (18) and students over eighteen (18) years of age will complete the Request For Exemption From Instruction Form and submit it to the building principal.

The principal will meet with the teacher(s) affected by the excusal to review the request and the specific instruction.

The principal, after consulting with the Superintendent if necessary, will approve or deny the request.

The principal will inform the student and/or parent/guardian in writing of the decision. If the request is denied, the reasons will be stated in the notice. The principal and affected teacher(s) will review and approve/disapprove any replacement educational activities suggested by the parent/guardian and/or student.

The principal will determine where the student will be assigned during the time the student is excused.

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105.2-AR-1. REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION FORM

Student's Name: _____ Date of Request: _____

Grade Level: _____ Course or Subject Area: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

In order to receive approval to be excused from specific instruction, you must complete this form and return it to the building principal. Be as precise as possible in your responses. General requests that lack specificity about the instruction or materials for which an exemption is requested, fail to identify a bona fide religion, or fail to identify the nature of a religious belief which makes the instruction unacceptable to you will be denied.

Indicate your basic reason for requesting an exemption from instruction: _____

List the specific content, activities, topics, planned course learning objectives, or learning materials that conflict with your religious beliefs: _____

List suggested replacement activities that do not require extra resources:

Once the administrative review of your request has been completed, you will be notified in writing of the approval or denial. If your request is denied, you will be informed of the reasons.

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105.2-AR-2. RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION

Dear _____:

We have received your request for an instructional exemption for you or your child from specific instruction that conflicts with your religious beliefs. An administrative review of your request has been completed by the principal and any teachers who would be affected by the exemption.

As a result, your request has been: _____ Approved _____ Denied

For Approvals- specific content or activities to be exempted: _____

For Denials- reason(s): _____

A student will not be penalized academically as a result of an approved exemption from specific instruction.

Sincerely,

Principal

Date

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105.2-AR-3. EXEMPTION FROM DISSECTION ACTIVITIES

Students attending grades K-12 have the right to decline to participate in an education project involving dissection, vivisection, incubation, capture or other harmful use of vertebrate animals and preserved specimens of vertebrate animals, including fish, amphibians, birds, reptiles and mammals.

The school will notify students and parents/guardians of the right to decline participation in such activities. The notice will be given at least three (3) weeks prior to the start of the education project.

Parents/Guardians of students under the age of eighteen (18) and students over eighteen (18) years of age will sign this notice to exempt the student from dissection activities and return the form to the teacher.

A student who requests exemption from such activities will be offered an alternative education project with the purpose of providing the student a resource for obtaining the factual knowledge, information or experience required for the course of study.

Alternative education projects may include, but not be limited to, the use of videos, models, films, books or computers. The projects also include alternative tests.

The district will not discriminate against a student based on his/her request for exemption from such activities.

Teachers are not permitted to lower a student's grade because the student has participated in an alternative education project.

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105.2-AR-4. NOTICE OF DISSECTION ACTIVITIES

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student:

This letter is to notify students and parents/guardians of the student's right to decline to participate in an education project involving dissection, vivisection, incubation, capture or other harmful use of vertebrate animals and preserved specimens of vertebrate animals including fish, amphibians, birds, reptiles and mammals.

The class will participate in the following activities in class in the upcoming weeks:

Should you and/or your child elect not to participate in this activity, an alternate education project possibly involving the use of videos, models, films, books, or computers will be assigned to provide the student with knowledge in this area.

Please complete the following and return this form to me.

Sincerely,

Teacher

I prefer that my son/daughter not participate in the above-listed classroom activities. Please provide an alternative education project in place of this activity.

I am an eligible student eighteen (18) or over and prefer not to participate in the above-listed classroom activities. Please provide an alternative education project in place of this activity.

Name of Student

Signature of Parent/Guardian
or Eligible Student

Date