

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF PHILADELPHIA

No. 105.2

SECTION: 100 Programs

TITLE: Exemption from
Instruction

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105.2 EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION

Purpose

The Board of Education (“Board”) recognizes that some instructional materials may conflict with the religious beliefs of parents/guardians, and respects their right to have their children excused from such instruction.

Authority

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. [1][2]

Delegation of Responsibility

The Board directs the Superintendent or their designee, through the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy.

Mandatory Regulatory Procedures

The school Principal shall excuse any student from specific instruction, upon written request of the parent/guardian or eligible student, in accordance with the administrative procedures for this policy. [2]

All students excused from specific instruction shall be required to achieve the learning outcomes established by the school and necessary for graduation through alternate means as determined by the Principal in collaboration with the Office of Curriculum. [3][4]

Legal References:

1. [22 PA Code § 11.7](#)
2. 22 PA Code § 4.4
3. [Policy 105.1 - Review of Instructional Materials By Parents/Guardians and Students](#)
4. [Policy 217 - Graduation Requirements](#)