

Section 300: Instruction

Procedure for Waiver for Participation in Approved Curriculum Curricular Programs

Code #333.01AR

The Tri-County Area School District Board of Education is responsible for approving curriculum and assuring that the approved curriculum is being taught.

The Board recognizes, however, that parents/guardians may request that their children be excluded from receiving instruction in specific phases of certain curricular offerings due to conditions and circumstances related to religious beliefs. When this occurs the procedures outlined below apply.

Procedure:

1. Parents/guardians are responsible for contacting teachers or school administrators with questions and concerns dealing with curricular topics or assignments that they find objectionable.
2. Request for exclusion of a child from any school-authorized course, or portions of a course, must be made by the parent/guardian in writing, and must include an explanation of the reason for said request. The request must identify that portion of the specific curriculum to which the request applies.
3. The curriculum guide and materials associated with any course will be available for inspection by the parent/guardian prior to making the written request for exclusion.
4. The written authorization will be evaluated by the building principal who will consult with the teacher and rule on the appropriateness of the request.
5. If approval of the request is granted, the student will be assigned a work station away from the class, and will be given alternate assignments by the teacher, as appropriate.
6. Students who are removed from a course under the provisions of these procedures will be placed under the supervision of authorized school personnel.
7. In situations where a student's grades or credits may be affected by prolonged absence from a course, as requested by parent(s)/guardian(s) under provisions of these procedures, a conference will be held with

parent(s)/guardian(s), student, teacher, and principal to discuss the ramifications of the decision and to determine an alternative program if such a program is feasible.

8. If principal approval for the request is denied, the parent may appeal the decision in writing to the District Administrator and, if necessary, to the Board of Education, which has ultimate decision-making responsibility in this matter.

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