

**MONTGOMERY
COUNTY
INTERMEDIATE
UNIT #23**

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 28, 2009

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<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 Intermediate Unit programs when the students are under the age of eighteen (18) and to the students themselves when the student is eighteen (18) or over, unless the student is incapable of making the decision due to a disability.</p> <p>The Intermediate Unit shall excuse any student from specific instruction, subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To assist the Intermediate Unit in ensuring that the student is excused from the correct specific instruction, the request must be made in writing and must detail the specific instruction from which the student is to be excused. 2. The written request to be excused shall be sent by the parent/guardian or student to the building administrator or program supervisor. <p>One (1) copy of the request shall be retained in the student’s permanent school record, one (1) copy kept by the school administrator or program supervisor, and one (1) copy submitted to the teacher from whose instruction the student is to be excused.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. It shall not be the responsibility of the Intermediate Unit or its employees to ensure that the student exercises his/her right to be excused in accordance with a parent request. It shall be the responsibility of the student to request permission to leave class when the specific instruction objected to is presented. When the student seeks to be excused, the teacher shall excuse the student if the teacher or administrator has a copy of the written request and the written request adequately describes the specific instruction. 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. 5. The parent/guardian and/or student may request suggested replacement
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<p>Pol. 102</p>	<p>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 that does not require the provision of any extra resources by the Intermediate Unit.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="406 304 1534 378">6. The building administrator or program supervisor shall determine where the student shall report during the time the student is excused.<li data-bbox="406 409 1534 525">7. All students excused from specific instruction shall be required to achieve the academic standards established by the Intermediate Unit as necessary for completion of the program. <p>References:</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 11.7</p> <p>Board Policy – 102</p>
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