



SECTION: 620

TITLE: EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1	I. GUIDELINES	Neshaminy School District shall excuse a student from specific instruction	1
2		as defined in this policy upon satisfaction of and subject to the following	2
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6	PROCEDURES	A. The parent or guardian must request that the child be excused from specific	6
7		instruction which conflicts with the parent's religious beliefs. The request	7
8		must be in writing, and it must identify each specific fact or tenet which the	8
9		child shall not be taught. References to book titles, chapter headings,	9
10		or to general curricular areas are not sufficiently specific to satisfy the	10
11		requirement of the policy.	11
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13		B. The written request that the child be excused shall be sent by the parent to	13
14		the principal who will forward the request in triplicate to the	14
15		Superintendent or his/her designee.	15
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17		C. If approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee, one copy shall be	17
18		retained in the student's permanent school records, a copy shall be kept by	18
19		the school principal, and a copy shall be submitted to the teacher from	19
20		whose instruction the student is to be excused.	20
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22		D. In the request to be excused from specific instruction, the parent may	22
23		recommend replacement educational activities in which the student may	23
24		engage during the time the student is excused. The only permissible	24
25		educational activity for this purpose shall be in the nature of replacement	25
26		instruction that is consistent with the goals set for the course and that do	26
27		not require the provision of any extra resources by the District.	27
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- E. The District shall make a good faith effort to excuse a student from instruction as requested by the parent. However, it is the responsibility of the student to request permission to leave class when the specific instruction objected to is being presented or is about to be presented. When the child seeks to be excused, the teacher is to excuse the child, if (a) the teacher has a copy of the approved written request or, if upon checking with the principal, the principal has a copy of the approved written request; and (b) the written request adequately describes the instruction that is taking place or about to take place.
- F. The principal shall determine where the student shall report during the time the student is excused.
- G. All students excused from specific instruction shall be required to achieve the learning goals established by the District and all other requirements for graduation.
- This policy shall become void and unenforceable if the regulation of the State Board of Education, upon which it is based, i.e. Title 22, Section 5, 6 (d) (3), is repealed, modified, or declared invalid in whole or in part.

III. AUTHORITY
TITLE 22-5.4 (d),
(3)

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