

**LUZERNE
INTERMEDIATE
UNIT #18**

**SECTION: PROGRAMS
TITLE: EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION
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105.2 EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION	
1. Purpose	The purpose of this policy is to comply with the requirement of the State Board of Education that intermediate units provide parents with the right to have their children excused from specific instruction that conflicts with their religious beliefs.
2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.4	The Board adopts this policy to ensure that parents have the right to have their children excused from specific instruction that conflicts with their religious beliefs.
3. Definition	As used in this policy, the phrase specific instruction means identifiable elements of instruction by the teacher. It does not include required reading or academic standards.
4. Guidelines	<p>The rights granted by this policy are granted to parents of students enrolled in the intermediate unit 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, as defined in this policy, 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 qualifying parent or student to the appropriate administrator or program supervisor.3. It shall not be the responsibility of the intermediate unit or any of its employees to ensure that the child exercised his/her right to be excused, and intermediate unit employees are prohibited from initiating action to have any student leave class in accordance with a parental request. Instead, it is the responsibility of the student to request permission to leave class when the specific instruction objected to is or is about to be presented. When the student seeks to be excused, the teacher shall excuse the student if (a) the teacher has a copy of the written request or, if upon checking with the

<p>Pol. 102</p> <p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 11.7</p> <p>Board Policy 102</p>	<p>appropriate administrator or program supervisor, the administrator or supervisor has a copy of the written request; and (b) the written request adequately describes the instruction that is taking place or about to take place.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>5. The parent and/or student may request suggested replacement 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> <p>6. The appropriate administrator or program supervisor shall determine where the student shall report during the time the student is excused.</p> <p>7. All students excused from specific instruction shall be required to achieve the academic standards established as necessary for completion of the program.</p>
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