

Title: Religious-Based Exemptions from School Programs

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References: R277-105-9(A)(2)

Purpose

The Ignite Entrepreneurship Academy Board of Directors and Director will exercise their authority to select appropriate materials and teach the curriculum in an effective manner. The Board supports the free exercise of religion and prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion. While students are expected to participate in all required courses and school activities, the board recognizes that at times parents may object to a specific school course or activity. This policy is designed to provide parents with a process for seeking a religious-based exemption for their child from a required school course or activity.

Policy

1. If parents have religious-based objections to certain programs, they may petition to exempt their child from participation. Any request for exemption should be submitted to the Director in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - a. The request must be in writing;
 - b. The request must specify the activities or studies that violate their religious beliefs and explain how their religious beliefs are violated by the activity; and,
 - c. The request may suggest a proposed alternate activity or study.
2. The Director shall review the request in accordance with any constitutional or statutory standards and shall accommodate the request when required to do so by law.
3. If accommodation is not required by law, the Director or designee may choose to accommodate such a request after weighing factors, such as the interest of the child, the impact on other students, and the availability of alternative activities or materials.
4. An appeal of the Director's decision may be made to the Board through the student grievance procedure.

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