 **No. 128**

 **SECTION: PROGRAMS**

**TITLE: EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION**

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**CHARTER SCHOOL REVISED:**

128. EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION

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.

The rights granted by this policy are granted to parents/guardians of students enrolled in this school when the students are under the age of eighteen (18) and to the students themselves when the student is eighteen (18) or over.

The school shall excuse any student from specific instruction, subject to the following:

 1. To assist the school 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 shall be sent by the parent/guardian or student to the Principal/CEO.

One (1) copy of the request shall be retained in the student's permanent school records one (1) copy kept by the principal, and one (1) copy submitted to the teacher.

 3. It shall not be the responsibility of the school to ensure that the student exercises his/her right

 to be excused in accordance with a parental 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 Principal/CEO 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 educational activities;

 however, the Principal/CEO shall determine where the student shall report during the time

 the student is excused. The Principal/CEO will assign replacement instruction that is

 consistent with the learning objectives set for the course and does not require the provision of

 any extra resources by the school.

 6. All students excused from specific instruction shall be required to achieve the academic

 standards established by the school as necessary for graduation.

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References:

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 11.7