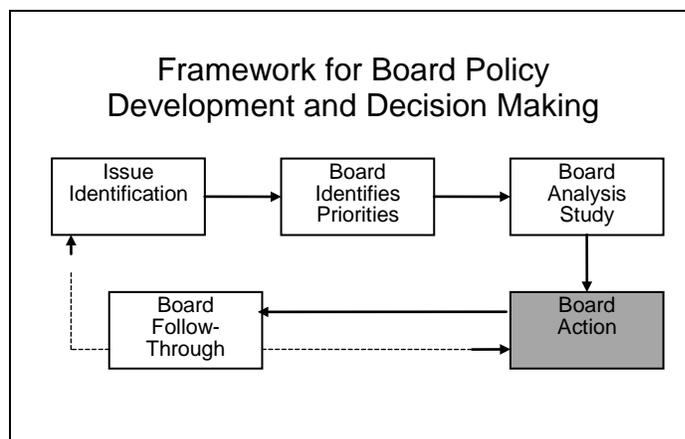


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

March 28, 2013



Agenda Item: Religious Groups Exempted from School Standards

Iowa Goal: All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

State Board Role/ Authority: Iowa Code section 299.24 allows the Director, with approval from the State Board of Education, to exempt certain religious groups from compliance with the compulsory education law and the educational standards law.

Presenter: None (consent agenda)

Attachments: 2

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the exemption renewal requests for the attached list of five religious groups.

Background: In the past, religious groups in Iowa are exempt from the compulsory education and school standards laws under Iowa Code Section 299.24. A one-year renewal of the initial two-year exemption may be requested annually by each religious group desiring to do so. These renewal requests may be granted by the Director of Education with the approval of the State Board of Education.

Five religious groups have submitted renewal requests including an appropriate list of the names, ages, and post office addresses of children of compulsory age as required by Iowa Code Section 299.24. This request addresses five additional groups.

Each of these five religious groups has complied with requests for information.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
JASON E. GLASS, DIRECTOR

DATE: March 28, 2013
TO: Members, State Board of Education
FROM: Jason E. Glass
SUBJECT: Religious Groups Exempted from Educational Standards

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the exemption renewal requests for five religious groups, which were filed pursuant to Iowa Code Section 299.24. (These requests were filed late and are in addition to those approved in November, 2012.)

Background

Iowa Code Section 299.24 provides an exemption for religious groups from compliance with the compulsory education and educational standards laws. The initial exemption is for two years. A one-year renewal may be requested by each religious group desiring to do so.

The Department of Education has the administrative responsibility for the exemption and exemption renewal processes. As a part of the exemption renewal process, a report is prepared and submitted annually to the State Board of Education. That report contains the renewal requests and the staff recommendation regarding those requests.

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Exempt Schools

Request Date	School Year	School	Denomination	Public School					Zip	Enroll.
1/23/2013	2012-2013	Plainview School	Amish	Chariton	Nelson	Nisley	41383 State Hwy 14	Chariton	50049	11
2/20/2013	2012-2013	Pine Grove Mennonite School	Lime Springs Congregational Mennonite	Howard-Winneshiek- Riceville	Milferd	Loewen	6568 Hwy 63	Lime Springs	52155	41
3/11/2013	2012-2013	Scenic View Christian School	Scenic View Congregation	North Fayette; West Central; Sumner; Fredericksburg	Edmund	Koehn	21203 Neon Road	West Union	52175	24
1/23/2013	2012-2013	Sunrise Ridge School	Old Order Amish	Wayne, Mormon Trail, Chariton	Nelson	Nisley	41383 State Hwy 14	Chariton	50049	9
2/5/2013	2012-2013	Wild Rose Christian School	Heartland Mennonite	Riceville, Osage, St. Ansgar	Randall Essau	Koehn	4625 90th St.	Riceville	50466	12