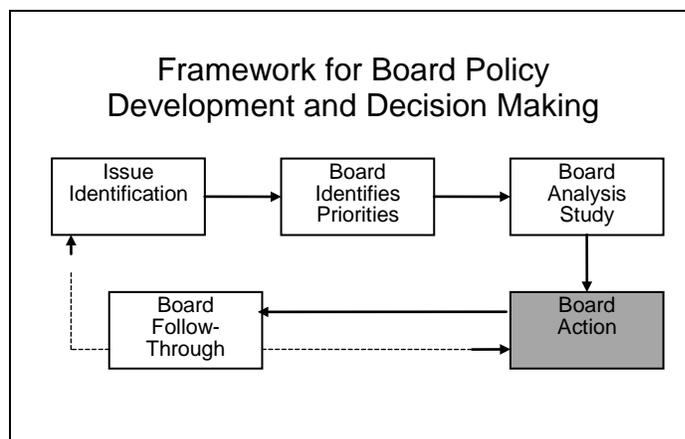


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

November 14, 2012



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 47 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.

Forty-seven 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.

Each of these 47 religious groups has complied with requests for information.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
JASON E. GLASS, DIRECTOR

DATE: November 14, 2012
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 47 religious groups, which were filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 299.24.

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.	Previous year?	Names of School and number of students
8/17/2012	2012-2013	Bloomfield Mennonite School	Bloomfield Mennonite	Davis County; Van Buren	Karl	Unruh	27068 - 310th Street	Bloomfield	52537	22	x	
7/5/2012	2012-2013	Bloomington School	Amish	Lamoni	Andy H.	Miller	15065 - 280th Street	Lamoni	50065	28	X	
8/1/2012	2012-2013	Bridgewood Education	Bretheren	Central	Ben	Holt	22 Gunn Avenue	Council Bluffs	51503	23	x	
7/5/2012	2012-2013	Brookside School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie	Norman Jay	Miller	2066 - 520th St. SW	Kalona	52247	15	X	
7/10/2012	2012-2013	Cedar Hollow	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	14	X	
7/19/2012	2012-2013	Cedar Hollow School	Amish	Murray	Mose E.	Borntrager	2049 - 120th Avenue	Murray	50174	18	X	
8/10/2012	2012-2013	Cedar Lane	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Ivan	Yoder	19887 Jade Avenue	Bloomfield	52537	25	x	
8/14/2012	2012-2013	Cedar River Mennonite Schools	Old Order Mennonite (Groffdale Conference)	Charles City; New Hampton; Osage; Riceville; Howard-Winneshiek	John	Oberholtzer	1540 Beaumont Avenue	Charles City	50616	262	x	Bridgewater (20); Cedar River (23); Country Side (25); Deerfield (28); East Lincoln (24); Jackson Woods (33); Little Wapsi (26); Scenic Ridge (24); Sunny Meadow (21); Timberview (18); Walnut Grove (20)
8/22/2012	2012-2013	Clearview School	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Lewis	Mast	16001 - 220th Street	Bloomfield	52537	24	X	
6/26/2012	2012-2013	Cloverdale School	Old Order Amish	Davis County	William	Yoder	13421 Kress Avenue	Bloomfield	52537	29	X	
8/15/2012	2012-2013	Dallas Center Christian School	Dunkard Brethren Church	ADM; West Central	James	Meyers	26331 - 205th Street	Dallas Center	50063	16	X	
8/15/2012	2012-2013	Dallas Center Christian School	Old Order River Brethren	ADM; Perry; Jefferson-	Philip	Funk	22018 T Avenue	Dallas Center	50063	18	x	
9/21/2012	2012-2013	Echo Vale School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie	Wilford	Miller	2728 - 470th Street SW	Iowa City	52240	30	X	
7/24/2012	2012-2013	Echo Valley	Northwood Old Order Amish	Northwood Kensett	Jerry	Bontrager	4988 Olive Avenue	Northwood	50459	10	X	
6/19/2012	2012-2013	Franklin Christian School	Mennonite	Central Decatur	Norman	Troyer	15346 US Hwy 69	Weldon	50264	16	X	
8/29/2012	2012-2013	Friendship School	Old Order Amish	Davis County	David A.	Yoder	18932 - 200th St.	Bloomfield	52537	30	X	
10/18/2012	2012-2013	Happy Hollow	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Levi J.	Mast	19636 Flora Avenue	Bloomfield	52537	31	X	
9/17/2012	2012-2013	Haven Christian Day School	Haven Conservative Mennonite	Mid-Prairie; Iowa City	James	Swartzentruber	4775 Derby Avenue SW	Kalona	52247	9	x	
7/19/2012	2012-2013	Hickory Grove School	Old Order Amish	Oelwein	John A.	Raber	1528 Grant Avenue	Hazleton	50641	29	X	
7/1/2012	2012-2013	Hidden Valley	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	19	X	
6/26/2012	2012-2013	Hillview School	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Mark L.	Bontrager	16852 Eagle Blvd.	Drakesville	52552	28	X	
7/10/2012	2012-2013	Hilton Ridge School	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	14	X	
7/19/2012	2012-2013	Jackson Corner	Amish Christian	Mt. Ayr	Samuel	Mast	2937 - 188th Avenue	Redding	50860	33	X	
7/16/2012	2012-2013	Limestone View School	Old Order Amish	Oelwein	Rudy E.	Gingerich	1214 Grant Avenue	Hazleton	50641	26	X	
8/22/2012	2012-2013	Little Cedar Mennonite School	Mennonite	Osage	Ivan	Miller	2913 - 360th Street	Osage	50461	14	X	
7/23/2012	2012-2013	Meadow Lane	Old Order Amish / South Church	Davis County	Henry	Mast	22172 Hwy 63	Bloomfield	52537	25	X	
7/10/2012	2012-2013	Meadow Lawn	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	12	X	
6/26/2012	2012-2013	Meadowview	Amish	Van Buren	Andy H.	Mullett	25838 Wheat Avenue	Milton	52570	22	X	
7/19/2012	2012-2013	Middle Fork School	Amish Christian	Mt. Ayr	Samuel	Mast	2937 - 188th Avenue	Redding	50860	25	X	
8/17/2012	2012-2013	Middleburg School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie	Jesse H.	Yoder	2616 Hwy 22	Riverside	52327	31	x	
7/25/2012	2012-2013	North Prairie School	Old Order Weaverland Conference Mennonite	Van Buren	Clair	Zimmerman	17260 - 260th Street	Cantril	52542	31	X	
8/22/2012	2012-2013	Oak Grove School	Old Order Amish	Riceville	Eli L.	Petersheim	3151 - 470th Street	McIntire	50455	16	X	
8/22/2012	2012-2013	Plain View School	Old Order Amish	Riceville	Eli L.	Petersheim	3151 - 470th Street	McIntire	50455	25	x	
7/10/2012	2012-2013	Plain View	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrager	2395 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	15	No	
6/26/2012	2012-2013	Plainview	Amish	Van Buren	Andy H.	Mullett	25838 Wheat Avenue	Milton	52570	22	X	
7/10/2012	2012-2013	Pleasant Valley	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	15	X	
8/15/2012	2012-2013	Pleasant Valley School	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Emery	Hershberger	18834 - 180th Street	Bloomfield	52537	31	x	
7/10/2012	2012-2013	Pleasant View	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	16	X	

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7/10/2012	2012-2013	Ridge View	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	16	X	
6/26/2012	2012-2013	Roscoe School	Amish	Van Buren	Andy H.	Mullett	25838 Wheat Avenue	Milton	52570	14	X	
8/1/2012	2012-2013	Sharon Bethel School	Sharon Bethel Mennonite	Mid-Prairie	Elam	Stoltzfoos	2032 Hwy 22	Kalona	52247	43	No	
7/5/2012	2012-2013	Stringtown School	Amish	Lamoni	Andy H.	Miller	15065 - 280th Street	Lamoni	50140	18	X	
7/19/2012	2012-2013	Timber View School	Amish Christian	Mt. Ayr	Samuel L.	Mast	2937 - 188th Avenue	Redding	50860	22	X	
8/22/2012	2012-2013	Valley View School	Old Order Amish	Riceville	Eli L.	Petersheim	3151 - 470th Street	McIntire	50455	19	x	
8/22/2012	2012-2013	Wapsi Valley School	Old Order Amish	Riceville	Eli L.	Petersheim	3151 - 470th Street	McIntire, IA	50455	20	x	
8/8/2012	2012-2013	Walnut Grove School	Amish	Davis County	Nelson	Beechy	19583 Harvest Ave.	Bloomfield	52537	36	x	
6/26/2012	2012-2013	Waneta	Amish	Davis County	Andy H.	Mullett	25838 Wheat Avenue	Milton	52570	23	X	