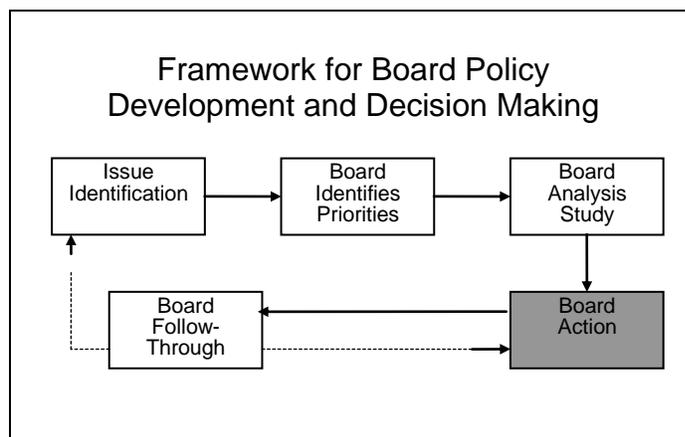


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

July 27, 2011



- Agenda Item:** Religious Groups Exempted from School Standards
- Iowa Goal:** All K-12 students will achieve at a high level.
- Equity Impact Statement:** Iowa Code section 299.24 provides for an exemption from the compulsory education law and the educational standards law for members of established religious denominations which profess tenets that differ substantially from these laws.
- Presenter:** None (consent agenda)
- Attachments:** 2
- Recommendation:** It is recommended the State Board of Education approve the exemption renewal requests for the attached list of 47 religious groups.
- Background:** Iowa Code section 299.24 provides an exemption for religious groups from compliance with the compulsory education and educational standards laws when the group professes principles or tenets that differ substantially from the objectives, goals, and philosophy of education embodied in standards set forth in section 256.11. The initial exemption is for two years. A one-year renewal may be requested annually by each 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 299.24. The Department recommends granting these exemption renewal requests.
- Each of these 47 religious groups has complied with requests for information.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
JASON E. GLASS, DIRECTOR

DATE: July 27, 2011
TO: Members, State Board of Education
FROM: Jason E. Glass, Director
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

School	Denomination	Public School					Zip	Enroll.
Bloomfield Mennonite School	Bloomfield Mennonite	Davis County; Van Buren	Larry	Nightengale	29512 Hwy 2	Pulaski	52584	28
Bloomington School	Amish	Lamoni	Andy H.	Miller	15065 - 280th Street	Lamoni	50065	31
Bridgewood Education	Plymouth Bretheren	Township (Central?)	Ben	Holt	22 Gunn Avenue	Council Bluffs	51503	23
Brookside School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie	Norman Jay	Miller	2066 - 520th St. SW	Kalona	52247	13
Cedar Hollow School	Amish	Murray	Mose E.	Borntrreger	2049 - 120th Avenue	Murray	50174	27
Cedar Hollow	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrreger	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	16
Cedar Lane	Old Order Amish	Davis Co.?	Daniel	Beechy	19778 Jade Avenue	Bloomfield	52537	21
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	244
Clear View School	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Ervin Jay	Mast	14936 - 225th Street	Bloomfield	52537	29
Cloverdale School	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Karlan J.	Keim	19711 - 160th Street	Drakesville	52537	33
Dallas Center Christian School	Dunkard Brethren Church	ADM; West Central	James	Meyers	26331 - 205th Street	Dallas Center	50063	24
Dallas Center Christian School	Old Order River Brethren	ADM; Perry; Jefferson-	Philip	Funk	22018 T Avenue	Dallas Center	50063	18
Echo Vale School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie	Truman	Bontrager	2606 - 500th Street SW	Kalona	52247	28
Echo Valley	Northwood Old Order Amish	Northwood Kensett	Chrissie E.	Gingerich	4927 Nightingale Ave.	Northwood	50459	10
Franklin Christian School	Mennonite	Decatur County	Norman	Troyer	15346 US Hwy 69	Weldon	50264	17
Friendship School	Old Order Amish	Davis County?	LaVern	Gruber	18918 - 200th Street	Bloomfield	52537	26
Haven Christian Day School	Haven Conservative Mennonite	Mid-Prairie; Iowa City	James	Swartzentruber	4775 Derby Avenue SW	Kalona	52247	8
Hickory Grove School	Old Order Amish	Oelwein	John A.	Raber	1528 Grant Avenue	Hazleton	50641	22
Hidden Valley	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan	Borntrreger	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	23
Hillview School	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Mervin	Beechy	16391 Eagle Blvd.	Drakesville	52552	25
Hilton Ridge School	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan	Borntrreger	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	17
Jackson Corner	Amish Christian	Mt. Ayr					50860	
Limestone View School	Old Order Amish	Buchanan Co.	Rudy E.	Gingerich	1214 Grant Avenue	Hazleton	50641	24
Little Cedar Mennonite School	Mennonite	Osage	Ivan	Miller	2913 - 360th Street	Osage	50461	16
Meadow Lane	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Ervin	Mast	17532 - 240th Street	Bloomfield	52537	27
Meadow Lawn	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrreger	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	18
Middle Fork School	Amish Christian	Mt. Ayr					50860	
Middleburg School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie	E. Dale	Miller	2460 - 105th Street	Kalona	52247	32
North Prairie School	Old Order Weaverland Conference Mennonite	Van Buren	Clair	Zimmerman	17260 - 260th Street	Cantril	52542	32
Oak Grove School	Old Order Amish	Riceville	Eli L.	Petersheim	3151 - 470th Street	McIntire	50455	23
Pioneer Trails	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Vernon	Yoder	16721 Kelp Avenue	Bloomfield	52537	31
Plain View School	Old Order Amish	Riceville	Eli L.	Petersheim	3151 - 470th Street	McIntire	50455	24
Plain View	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrreger	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	21
Plain View School	Amish	Chariton	Nelson	Nisley	41383 State Hwy 14	Chariton	50049	18

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Pleasant Valley School	Amish	Davis County	Ezra	Hershberger	18834 - 180th Street	Bloomfield	52537	28
Pleasant Valley	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntreger	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	14
Pleasant Valley School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie					52247	
Pleasant View	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntreger	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	19
Ridge View	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntreger	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	16
Roscoe Township School	Old Order Amish	Van Buren	Vernon	Miller	27420 Wheat Avenue	Milton	52570	14
Scenic View Mennonite School	Mennonite	North Fayette; Turkey Valley; West Central					52147	
Stringtown School	Amish	Decatur	Andy H.	Miller	15065 - 280th Street	Lamoni	50140	17
Sunrise Ridge School	Old Order Amish	Chariton	Nelson	Nisley	41383 State Hwy 14	Chariton	50049	9
Timber View School	Amish Christian	Mt. Ayr					50860	
Valley View School	Old Order Amish	Riceville	Eli L.	Petersheim	3151 - 470th Street	McIntire	50455	25
Walnut Grove School	Amish	Davis County	William	Beechy	19511 Harvest Avenue	Bloomfield	52537	32
Wild Rose Christian School	Heartland Mennonite	Riceville, Osage, St. Ansgar					52134	