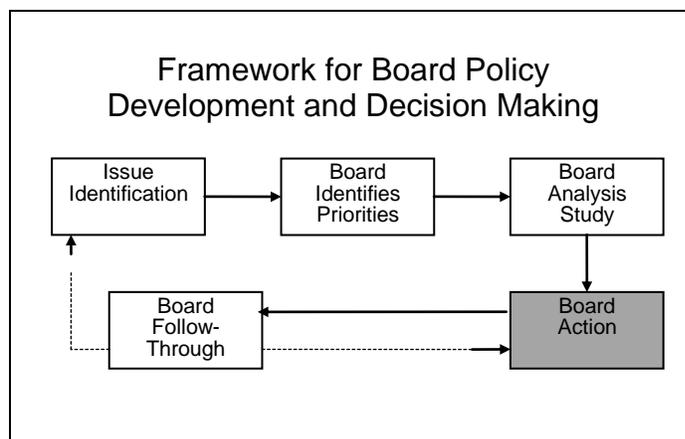


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

May 13, 2010



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 43 religious groups.

Background: 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-three 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 43 religious groups has complied with requests for information.



STATE OF IOWA

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
KEVIN FANGMAN, ACTING DIRECTOR

DATE: May 6, 2010
TO: Members, State Board of Education
FROM: Judy Jeffrey, Director
SUBJECT: Religious Groups Exempted from Educational Standards

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the exemption renewal requests for 43 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 to the State Board of Education for approval. That report contains the renewal requests and the staff recommendation regarding those requests.

Exempt Schools

Request Date	School Year	School	Denomination	Public School	First Name	Last Name	Mailing Address	City	Zip	Enroll.
5/27/2009	2009-2010	Bloomfield Mennonite School	Bloomfield Mennonite		Larry	Nightingale	29512 Hwy 2	Pulaski	52584	29
7/2/2009	2009-2010	Bloomington School	Old Order Amish	Lamoni	Levi J.	Hostetler	27490 Slip Bluff Road	Davis City	50065	31
6/9/2009	2009-2010	Bridgewood Education	Plymouth Bretheren	Township (Central?)	Ben J.	Holt	22 Gunn Avenue	Council Bluffs	51503	25
6/8/2009	2009-2010	Brookside School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie	Norman Jay	Miller	2066 - 520th Street SW	Kalona	52247	11
7/17/2009	2009-2010	Cedar Hollow School	Amish	Murray	Felty J.	Beachy	2091 - 120th Avenue	Murray	50174	17
6/2/2009	2009-2010	Cedar Hollow	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Daniel E.	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	19
6/11/2009	2009-2010	Cedar River Mennonite Schools	Old Order Mennonite (Groffdale Conference)	Charles City; New Hampton; Osage; Riceville; Howard-Winneshiek	Noah M.	Weaver	3337 Valley Avenue	Orchard	50460	242
5/18/2009	2009-2010	Clear View School	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Andy	Nisley	15650 - 215th Street	Bloomfield	52537	31
6/30/2009	2009-2010	Cloverdale School	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Milton	Gingerich	15667 Kelp Avenue	Bloomfield	52537	30
6/22/2009	2009-2010	Dallas Center Christian School	Dunkard Brethren Church	ADM; West Central Valley; Woodward-	James	Meyers	26331 - 205th Street	Dallas Center	50063	27
6/22/2009	2009-2010	Dallas Center Christian School	Old Order River Brethren	ADM; Perry; Jefferson-	Philip M.	Funk	22018 T Avenue	Dallas Center	50063	19
5/27/2009	2009-2010	Echo Vale School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie	John	Bontrager	2606 - 500th Street SW	Kalona	52247	27
6/22/2009	2009-2010	Echo Valley	Northwood Old Order Amish	Northwood Kensett	Chrissie	Gingerich	4927 Nightingale Avenue	Northwood	50459	12
7/13/2009	2009-2010	Franklin Christian School	Mennonite	Decatur County	Norman	Troyer	15346 US Hwy 69	Weldon	50264	10
7/16/2009	2009-2010	Haven Christian Day School	Haven Conservative Mennonite	Mid-Prairie; Iowa City	James	Swartzentruber	4775 Derby Avenue SW	Kalona	52247	11
6/22/2009	2009-2010	Hickory Grove School	Old Order Amish	Oelwein	John A.	Raber	1528 Grant Avenue	Hazleton	50641	22
6/2/2009	2009-2010	Hidden Valley	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	18
5/29/2009	2009-2010	Hillview School	Amish	Davis County	Samuel	Yutzy	15882 - 180th Street	Drakesville	52552	23
6/2/2009	2009-2010	Hilton Ridge School	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	20
6/22/2009	2009-2010	Jackson Corner	Amish Christian	Mt. Ayr	Samuel L.	Mast	2937 - 188th Avenue	Redding	50860	27
7/6/2009	2009-2010	Limestone View School	Old Order Amish	Buchanan Co.	Rudy E.	Gingerich	1214 Grant Avenue	Hazleton	50641	29
6/1/2009	2009-2010	Little Cedar Mennonite School	Mennonite	Osage	Ivan	Miller	2913 - 360th Street	Osage	50461	16
6/23/2009	2009-2010	Meadow Lane	Amish Parochial School	Davis County	Allan	Helmuth	23736 Hwy 63	Bloomfield	52537	24
6/2/2009	2009-2010	Meadow Lawn	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Daniel E.	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	15
6/22/2009	2009-2010	Middle Fork School	Amish Christian	Mt. Ayr	Samuel	Mast	2937 - 188th Avenue	Redding	50860	24
6/19/2009	2009-2010	Middleburg School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie	Perry	Hershberger	1122 Palm Avenue	Riverside	52327	35
6/9/2009	2009-2010	North Prairie School	Old Order Weaverland Conference Mennonite	Van Buren	Clair	Zimmerman	17260 - 260th Street	Cantril	52542	34
6/16/2009	2009-2010	Oak Grove School	Old Order Amish	Riceville	Eli L.	Petersheim	3151 - 470th Street	McIntire	50455	20

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7/17/2009	2009-2010	Pioneer Trails	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Edwin	Yoder	17515 Kiwi Avenue	Bloomfield	52537	27
6/16/2009	2009-2010	Plain View School	Old Order Amish	Riceville	Eli L.	Petersheim	3151 - 470th Street	McIntire	50455	23
6/2/2009	2009-2010	Plain View	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	20
6/15/2009	2009-2010	Pleasant Valley School	Amish	Davis County	Nelson	Gingerich	15906 Jade Avenue	Bloomfield	52537	28
6/2/2009	2009-2010	Pleasant Valley	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	14
6/4/2009	2009-2010	Pleasant Valley School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie	Duane	Bontrager	1089 Nutmeg Ave.	Kalona	52247	26
6/2/2009	2009-2010	Pleasant View	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	18
6/2/2009	2009-2010	Ridge View	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Daniel E.	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	10
6/25/2009	2009-2010	Roscoe Township School	Amish	Van Buren	Vernon	Miller	27420 Wheat Avenue	Milton	52570	15
8/20/2009	2009-2010	Scenic View Mennonite School	Mennonite	North Fayette; Turkey Valley; West Central	Wayne	Holdeman	323 West Main Street	Hawkeye	52147	18
7/2/2009	2009-2010	String Town School	Old Order Amish	Decatur	Levi J.	Hostetler	27490 Slip Bluff Road	Davis City	50065	19
5/28/2009	2009-2010	Sunrise Ridge School	Old Order Amish	Chariton; Wayne Community; Mormon Trail	Mose	Helmuth	1817 Watrous Road	Derby	50068	21
6/22/2009	2009-2010	Timber View School	Amish Christian	Mt. Ayr	Samuel L.	Mast	2937 - 188th Avenue	Redding	50860	31
6/16/2009	2009-2010	Valley View School	Old Order Amish	Riceville	Eli L.	Petersheim	3151 - 470th Street	McIntire	50455	23
6/30/2009	2009-2010	Wild Rose Christian School	Heartland Mennonite	Riceville, Osage, St. Ansgar	Ronald	Ensz	4067 Holly Avenue	Chester	52134	9