

DODGELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Policy Manual

381.1 - Rule

PROCEDURES TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENT RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

Parents/guardians may request that a student be excluded from receiving instruction in specific phases of certain curricular offerings on the basis of religious beliefs. Accommodation requests shall be handled in accordance with the following procedures.

1. Parents/guardians are responsible for contacting teachers or school administrators when they have concerns or questions about curricular topics or assignments that are considered potential conflicts or objectionable. Curriculum guides and other materials associated with any course or unit of instruction shall be available for inspection by a parent/guardian.
2. Requests for exclusion of a student from any course, portions of a course, unit of instruction or assignment shall be made by a parent/guardian in writing to the building principal. The request must include the reason for the request and identify specific part of the curriculum to which the request applies.
3. Written acknowledgement of receipt of the request shall be provided to the parent/guardian within 45 days. The written request shall be evaluated by the building principal in consultation with the teacher. The principal shall rule on the appropriateness of the request and inform parents/guardians of the ruling in writing.
4. If the request is approved, the student shall be assigned to a work station away from the class and under the supervision of authorized school personnel. The teacher shall provide the student with alternate materials, instruction and/or assignments that have been selected by the teacher in consultation with the parents/guardians.
5. If the request is denied, the parent/guardian may appeal the decision in writing to the District Administrator and, if necessary, to the School Board.

The entire process of responding to an accommodation request shall be completed within 90 days unless the parties involved agree to an extension of time.

If a parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the Board's decision after completing the above process, an appeal may be made to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction within 30 days of the Board's decision.

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