

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUPACA

SERIES 300 INSTRUCTION

CODE: 333

PARENTS RIGHTS AND THE CURRICULUM

The School District of Waupaca recognizes the right of parents to inspect instructional materials and to deny their child's participation in certain curricular activities in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations. The Board further recognizes that reasonable accommodations with regard to examinations and other academic requirements may have to be made from time to time because of a parent's and/or student's sincerely held religious beliefs.

The Health Problems Education Program law (ss. 115.35) identifies curricula that a school district must offer to students. However, the statute also requires the district to exempt those students whose parents do not want them to participate. Examples of these curricula include alcohol, tobacco, mental health, sexually transmitted diseases including AIDS, human growth & development, and related health and safety topics.

Parent/guardians may make requests to exempt their child from Health Problems Education Programs as defined by statute and/or other academic requirements. All requests shall be judged individually, based upon state and federal guidelines. The school district's attorney may be contacted when making decisions under this policy.

If a parent/guardian is not satisfied with the decision, he/she may appeal to the Director of Instruction. Further appeals may be made to the District Administrator, the Board and, if necessary, to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Accommodations made under this policy shall be provided to students without prejudicial effect.

The Compulsory School Attendance law (SS. 118.15) defines the conditions under which a student may be excused from school. Those conditions generally relate to the age at which a student may discontinue attending school, curriculum modifications which allow a student to not be in regular attendance, and physical/mental illness which may cause a student to not be in regular attendance. Absences under this statute will be processed according to individual building procedures and are not governed by this policy.

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LEGAL REFERENCE: 20 U.S.C., Section 1232h (Federal Hatch Amendments)
Section 115.35 Wis. Stats.
118.01(2)(d)2c
118.019(1)(d)
118.15
PI9, Wisconsin Administrative Code
PI14, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CONTRACT REFERENCE:

CROSS REFERENCE: Human Growth & Development Instruction - 341.41
Selection of Instructional Materials - 361
Equal Educational Opportunities - 411
Public Complaints About Instructional/Library Materials - 871

The School District of Waupaca does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.