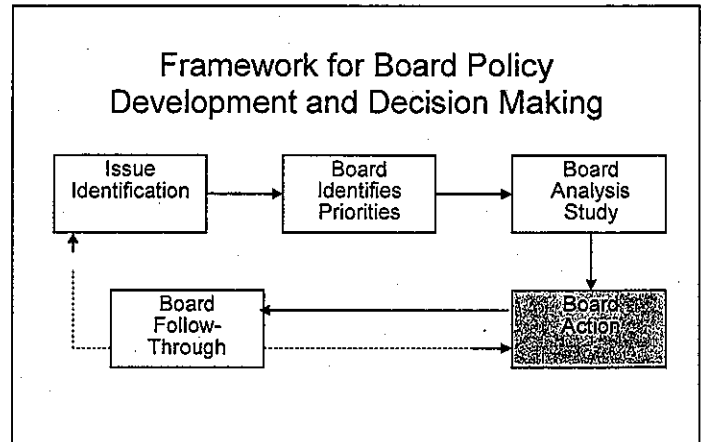


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

April 30, 2009



- 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 46 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-six 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 46 religious groups has complied with requests for information.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
JUDY A. JEFFREY, DIRECTOR

DATE: April 30, 2009
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 46 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 Year | School | Denomination | Public School | First Name | Last Name | Mailing Address | City | Zip | Enroll. |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------|-------|---------|
| 2009 | Bloomfield Mennonite School | Bloomfield Mennonite / Church of God in Christ, Mennonite | Bloomfield / Davis County | Curtis | Kenagy | 22190 - 160th Street | Bloomfield | 52537 | 30 |
| 2009 | Bloomington School | Old Order Amish | Lamoni | Levi J. | Hostetler | 27490 Slip Bluff Road | Davis City | 50065 | 33 |
| 2009 | Brookside School | Old Order Amish | Mid-Prairie School District | David | Kaufman | 1860 - 500th Street | Kalona | 52247 | 12 |
| 2009 | Cedar Hollow | Old Order Amish | Edgewood-Colesburg | Dan E. | Bontreger | 23951 Harvest Road | Edgewood | 52042 | 23 |
| 2009 | Cedar River Mennonite Schools | Old Order Mennonite (Groffdale Conference) | Charles City, New Hampton, Osage, Riceville, Elma | David | Oberholzer | 3952 - 190th Street | Elma | 50628 | 230 |
| 2009 | Clearview School | Old Order Amish | Davis County | Lewis | Mast | 16001 - 220th Street | Bloomfield | 52537 | 26 |
| 2009 | Cloverdale School | Old Order Amish | Davis County | Jacob | Kuhns | 14583 Jewel Avenue | Drakesville | 52552 | 30 |
| 2009 | Dallas Center Christian School | Dunkard Brethren | Dallas Center-Grimes, ADM, Redfield, Woodward-Granger | James | Meyers | 26331 - 205th Street | Dallas Center | 50063 | 32 |
| 2009 | Dallas Center Christian School (Dunkard) | Old Order River Brethren | Dallas Center-Grimes; ADM; Perry; Jefferson-Scranton | Phillip | Funk | 22018 T Avenue | Dallas Center | 50063 | 19 |
| 2009 | Echo Ridge School | Old Order Amish | Bloomfield | Junior | Beechy | 14354 - 220th Street | Bloomfield | 52537 | 30 |
| 2009 | Echo Vale School | Old Order Amish | Johnson | Eli | Bontreger | 2702 - 480th Street SW | Iowa City | 52240 | 23 |
| 2009 | Echo Valley | Northwood Old Order Amish | Northwood-Kensett | Menno S. | Bontreger | 5052 Nuthatch Avenue | Northwood | 50459 | 13 |
| 2009 | Franklin Christian School | Mennonite | Central Decatur | Norman | Troyer | 15346 US Hwy 69 | Weldon | 50264 | 15 |
| 2009 | Happy Hollow School | Old Order Amish | Davis County | Marvin | Troyer | 18760 Flora Ave | Bloomfield | 52537 | 20 |
| 2009 | Haven Christian Day School | Haven Conservative Mennonite | Johnson | James | Swartzentruber | 4775 Derby Avenue SW | Kalona | 52247 | 14 |
| 2009 | Hickory Grove School | Old Order Amish | Oelwein | John A. | Raber | 1528 Grant Avenue | Hazleton | 50641 | 23 |
| 2009 | Hidden Valley | Old Order Amish | Edgewood-Colesburg | Dan E. | Bontreger | 23951 Harvest Road | Edgewood | 52042 | 23 |
| 2009 | Hilton Ridge | Old Order Amish | Edgewood-Colesburg | Dan E. | Bontreger | 23951 Harvest Road | Edgewood | 52042 | 20 |
| 2009 | Hillview School | Old Order Amish | Bloomfield | Dean | Yoder | 15778 - 175th Street | Drakesville | 52552 | 21 |
| 2009 | Jackson Corners | Christian (Amish) | Mt. Ayr | Samuel | Mast | 2937 - 188th Avenue | Redding | 50860 | 26 |
| 2009 | Lebanon Parochial School | Amish | Fox Valley | Eros R. | Detweiler | 24502 Gray Avenue | Cantril | 52542 | 31 |
| 2009 | Limestone View School | Old Order Amish | | Freeman J. | Helmuth | 1616 - 120th Street | Hazleton | 50641 | 28 |
| 2009 | Little Cedar Mennonite School | Little Cedar Mennonite | Riceville, Osage, St. Ansgar | Ivan | Miller | 2913 - 360th Street | Osage | 50461 | 15 |
| 2009 | Meadow Lane School | Old Order Amish (South District) | Bloomfield | Monroe | Hershberger | 16033 - 250th Street | Bloomfield | 52537 | 24 |
| 2009 | Middle Fork School | Amish | Mt. Ayr | Samuel | Mast | 2937 - 188th Avenue | Redding | 50860 | 23 |
| 2009 | Middleburg School | Old Order Amish | Mid-Prairie | Freeman | Ropp | 1164 Poplar Blvd. | Kalona | 52247 | 33 |

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| 2009 | North Prairie School | Old Order Weaverland Conference Mennonite | Van Buren | Clair | Zimmerman | 17260 - 260th Street | Cantril | 52542 | 29 |
| 2009 | Oak Grove School | Old Order Amish | Riceville | Eli L. | Petersheim | 3151 - 420th Street | McIntire | 50455 | 16 |
| 2009 | Pioneer Trail School | Old Order Amish | Davis County | Noah | Yutz | 17218 Kelp Avenue | Bloomfield | 52537 | 26 |
| 2009 | Plain View School | Old Order Amish | | Eli L. | Petersheim | 3151 - 470th Street | McIntire | 50455 | 19 |
| 2009 | Plain View School | Old Order Amish | Edgewood-Colesburg | Dan E. | Borntrager | 23951 Harvest Road | Edgewood | 52042 | 18 |
| 2009 | Pleasant Ridge School | Old Order Amish | | Sammie E. | Gingerich | 1001 - 128th Street | Corydon | 50060 | 14 |
| 2009 | Pleasant Valley | Amish of Johnson Co. | English River Township | David | Borkholder | 2346 - 105th Street | Kalona | IA | 30 |
| 2009 | Pleasant Valley | Old Order Amish | Edgewood-Colesburg | Dan E. | Borntrager | 23951 Harvest Road | Edgewood | 52042 | 13 |
| 2009 | Pleasant Valley School | Amish | Davis County | Nelson | Gingerich | 15906 Jade Avenue | Bloomfield | 52537 | 28 |
| 2009 | Pleasant View | Old Order Amish | Edgewood-Colesburg | Dan E. | Borntrager | 23951 Harvest Road | Edgewood | 52042 | 20 |
| 2009 | Ridge View | Old Order Amish | Edgewood-Colesburg | Dan E. | Borntrager | 23951 Harvest Road | Edgewood | 52042 | 23 |
| 2009 | Rolling Hills | Old Order Amish | Murray | Fely J. | Beachy | 2091 - 120th Avenue | Murray | 50174 | 11 |
| 2009 | Roscoe Township School | Old Order Amish | Van Buren | Vernon | Miller | 27420 Wheat Avenue | Milton | 52570 | 18 |
| 2009 | Scenic View Christian School | Church of God in Christ, Mennonite | North Fayette, West Central, Summer-Fredericksburg | Randy | Koehn | 13814 - 220th Street | West Union | 52175 | 20 |
| 2009 | Shady Lane School | Old Order Amish | Mid-Prairie | Lester | Yoder | 2475 - 560th Street SW | Kalona | 52247 | 27 |
| 2009 | String Town School | Old Order Amish | Lamoni | Levi J. | Hostetler | 27490 Slip Bluff Road | Davis City | 50065 | 21 |
| 2009 | Sunrise Ridge School | Old Order Amish | Wayne, Mormong Trail, Chariton | Mose | Helmuth | 1817 Watrous Road | Derby | 50068 | 19 |
| 2009 | Timber View School | Christian (Amish) | Mt. Ayr | Samuel | Mast | 2937 - 188th Avenue | Redding | 50860 | 29 |
| 2009 | Valley View School | | McIntire | Eli L. | Petersheim | 3151 - 470th Street | McIntire | 50455 | 22 |
| 2009 | Wild Rose Christian School | Heartland Mennonite | Riceville, Osage, St. Angsar | Ron | Ensz | 4067 Holly Avenue | Chester | 52134 | 11 |