
PROGRAM AND INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITY EXEMPTIONS

Students may be excused from a program of instruction or learning activity consistent with Oregon Administrative Rules as specified below:

Students shall be excused for absence from school to accommodate religious beliefs. Students shall not be penalized for such excused absences. (Also see Board Policy IGAC—Treatment of Religion in Schools for release time for religious instruction consistent with Oregon Revised Statutes.)

Students shall be excused for inability to perform due to a temporary disabling condition in a program of instruction or learning activity. In such situations, teachers shall provide an alternative learning activity. Students shall not be penalized for their inability to perform based upon a temporary disabling condition.

Students shall be excused from dissection of invertebrate or vertebrate animals upon their or a parent/guardian's request. Students shall be provided without penalty an alternative method to dissection to demonstrate competency in the coursework. Alternatives may include videos, DVDs, CD-ROMs, films, computer programs, models, books, clay modeling or transparencies. Teachers of curricula which include dissection as part of the coursework shall notify students and their parents/guardians about these provisions.

Elementary Schools Principals are authorized to excuse students pursuant to these provisions.

Secondary School Principals are authorized to excuse students pursuant to these provisions. Such exemption for a high school student does not reduce the total credits required for graduation, as provided in Board Policy IKF Graduation Requirements.

Legal Reference(s):

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