

SECTION: PROGRAMS
 TITLE: EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION
 ADOPTED: 9/8/2014
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SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">105.2AR EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION</p> <p>To provide protocol for parental request to exempt student from state testing for religious reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two weeks prior to each test, tests must be made available to parents by the District Assessment Coordinator (DAC). 2. A letter of "Information for Parents and Guardians" is sent home from each school and includes information regarding rights of parents to review the test for possible religious exclusion. 3. Parents wishing to view the test should contact their child's school - usually the guidance counselor or principal. 4. The School Assessment Coordinator (SAC) informs the DAC of parents making this request. The SAC provides the information necessary to parents so they may contact the DAC to request a meeting for the purpose of signing the Confidentiality Agreement and reviewing the test for possible exclusion. 5. At the time of the meeting, the Parent or Guardian signs the Parent Confidentiality Agreement provided by the state. 6. The parent or guardian reviews the exam(s), on school property, under the supervision of the DAC. 7. After reviewing the exam, the parent or guardian (if they request exclusion) must provide a written request to the District Superintendent stating that they want to exclude their child from the exam based upon religious reasons AND they must state, in writing, the specific objection. 8. Upon receipt of the appropriate letter by the superintendent, the student is excused from the test. It is the responsibility of school personnel to provide an alternative learning environment during the assessment and
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	<p>must complete the “Non-Assessed Students” section by marking “Student had a parental request for exclusion from the assessment”.</p> <p>9. Superintendent informs DAC that he/she has received the letter which will be scanned and stored electronically.</p> <p>10. Note: Students who do not participate in a test eligible for SPP, will negatively impact school’s SPP score.</p> <p>11. Students who are excluded from the Keystone Exam for religious reasons MUST participate in the Project-Based Assessment (PBA) as the alternative. Successful completion of the PBA will provide the student with the alternative assessment needed to graduate. This affects all students in the graduating class of 2017 and younger.</p>
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