Instruction

Exemption from Instruction

Substance Abuse

Substance abuse education is required by state statutes for all students annually and no students may be exempted from such programs.

Religious

If the religious belief and/or teachings of a student or his/her parents or guardian are contrary to the content of a school subject, or to any part of a school activity, the student may be exempt from participation. To receive such an exemption, the parent or guardian must present a written request for exemption to the Principal stating the conflict involved.

Medical

If a student is unable to participate in a physical education class, he/she must present to the Principal or designee a statement from a physician stating the reason for his/her inability to participate.

AIDS Instruction

The CREC Council believes that education is the best way to prevent the spread of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). By learning the facts about HIV and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), students will be able to make decisions that will keep them healthy and perhaps save their lives.

A student will be exempted from instruction on HIV and AIDS upon receipt of a written request for exemption from his/her parent or guardian.

Dissection of Animals

A student will be exempted from participating or observing Dissection of Animals upon receipt of a written request for exemption from his/her parent or guardian.

Family Life and Sex Education

Students, parents or guardians shall be informed of their right to exempt the student from the family life program. The student will be exempted upon a written request for exemption from his/her parent or guardian.

Exemptions from required instruction do not excuse a student from the total semester hours required
for graduation. Suitable instructional activities will be substituted for exempted curricular activities.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-16b Prescribed courses of study.

10-16e Students not required to participate in the family life education program.

10-17f Required bilingual program (as amended by PA 98-168)

10-19(b) AIDS education.

10-19 Effect of alcohol, nicotine or tobacco and drugs to be taught.

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