

School Policies

IMBB - STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN CURRICULAR INSTRUCTION, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

The successful completion of MSCS' curriculum requirements is a prerequisite for a student's promotion from grade to grade. Toward this end, students are expected to participate in the MSCS' curricular instruction, programs and activities associated with their classes. MSCS may exempt a student from curricular instruction, programs and/or activities as authorized by law or as MSCS deems necessary or appropriate to implement a student's education program.

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM/HUMAN SEXUALITY

As required by Colorado law and provided in <u>District Policy IHAM</u>, parents/guardians may excuse their child, upon written request, from some or all of the comprehensive health education program at the child's school on the grounds that it is contrary to the religious beliefs and teachings of the child or the child's parent/guardian.

As required by Colorado law and provided in <u>District Policy IHAM</u>, parents/guardians may excuse their child, upon written request, from some or all of a planned curriculum that includes discussion or instruction concerning human sexuality.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Parents/guardians who believe their child is unable to participate in some or all of the physical educational curriculum at the child's school shall submit to the School Director or the School Director's designee a written request for the child to be excused. The written request shall specify: (1) the portion(s) of the physical education curriculum in which the child is unable to participate; (2) the duration of the child's inability to participate; and (3) the reasons why the child is unable to participate. The School

Director or the School Director's designee may require a written statement from a licensed healthcare provider to substantiate the reasons for and/or the duration of the child's inability to participate.

If the parent/guardian disagrees with the decision of the School Director or the School Director's designee, he or she may appeal that decision to the Mountain Sage Board of Directors, as appropriate.

OTHER CURRICULAR INSTRUCTION, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Parents/guardians may submit to the School Director or the School Director's designee a written request that their child be excused from other curricular instruction, programs and activities at the child's school. The written request shall specify: (1) the portion(s) of the instruction, program and/or activity from which they are requesting their child be excused; and (2) the reasons for their request.

Upon receiving the written request, the School Director or the School Director's designee shall first confer with relevant members of the instructional staff and the parent/guardian to determine whether the concern prompting the request may be accommodated without excusing the child from the instruction, program and/or activity. If the School Director or the School Director's designee determines that such an accommodation is not possible, he or she shall decide whether to approve the request that the child be excused. A child shall not be excused from curricular instruction, programs or activities solely because they may expose the child to viewpoints, ideas or information that the parent/guardian or the child finds objectionable.

If the parent/guardian disagrees with the decision of the School Director or the School Director's designee, he or she may appeal that decision to the MSCS Board whose ruling on the matter shall be final.

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