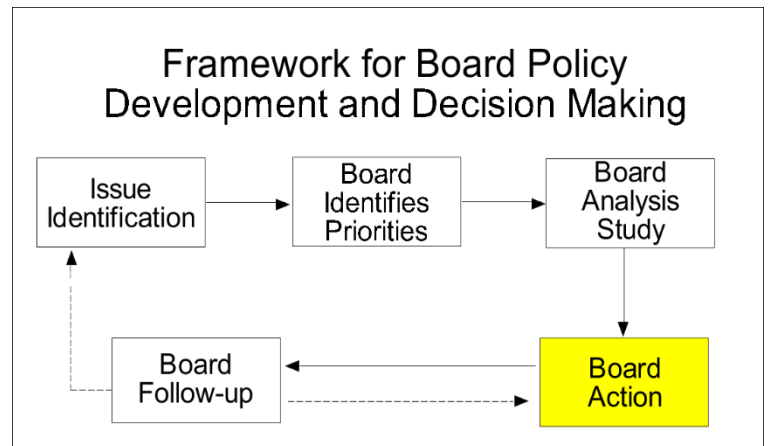


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

(November 2024)



Agenda Item:

Religious Groups Exempt from School Standards

State Board Priority:

All

State Board Role/Authority:

Iowa Code section 299.24 provides for an exemption from compulsory attendance law and the educational standards law for members of established religious denominations which profess tenets that differ substantially from these laws, and who have been in existence from more than ten years.

Presenter(s):

None (Consent Agenda)

Attachment(s):

One

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation that the State Board of Education approve the exemption renewal requests for the attached list of 85 religious' groups.

Background:

Religious groups in Iowa may apply for exemption 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 the Department of Education, with the approval of the State Board of Education.

Eighty-five of 94 religious groups have submitted requests including an appropriate list of names, ages and post office addresses of children of compulsory age as required by Iowa Code section 299.24. The total student enrollment for the 85 schools requesting the exemption is 1913 students.

Each of these 85 religious groups has complied with requests for information. Nine of the schools exempt for the 2023 – 2024 school did not returned the form on time.

| County | School Name | Denomination | Contact person | Address | City, State | Zip Code | Enrollment | Public District | Exempt Application Rec. |
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| Allamakee/Clayton | Bais Sholom | Jewish, Hassidic | Rabi Gavriel Levin | 331 W Tilden St. | Postville, IA | 52162 | 5 | Postville CSD | 8-29-24 |
| Allamakee/Clayton | Bais Chaya Mushka | Jewish, Hassidic | Rashi Raices | 417 Oak Drive/PO Box 1025 | Postville, IA | 52162 | 65 | Postville CSD | 10-9-24 |
| Appanoose | Appanoose County School | Old Order Amish | Gideon Bontrager | 26892 153rd Avenue | Centerville, IA | 52344 | 31 | Centerville CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Appanoose | Mormon Trail School | Old Order Amish | Gideon Bontrager | 26892 153rd Avenue | Centerville, IA | 52344 | 29 | Centerville CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Appanoose | Shoal Creek School | Old Order Amish | Gideon Bontrager | 26892 153rd Avenue | Centerville, IA | 52344 | 34 | Centerville CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Buchanan | Brookside | Old Order Amish | William Raber | 1823 150th St | Hazleton, IA | 50641 | 23 | Oelwein CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Buchanan | Green Meadow | Old Order Amish | Andy E Raber | 1286 Indiana Ave | Hazleton, IA | 50641 | 32 | Oelwein CSD | 8-20-24 |
| Buchanan | Hilltop View | Old Order Amish | Dan Kaufman Jr. | 1641 140th St | Hazleton, IA | 50641 | 19 | Oelwein CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Buchanan | Limestone View | Old Order Amish | Freeman Helmuth | 1635 120th St | Hazleton, IA | 50641 | 17 | Oelwein CSD | 8-22-24 |
| Buchanan | Sunnyside | Central Amish | Cornelius Lambright | 1442 145th St | Fairbank, IA | 50629 | 12 | Jesup CSD | 6-28-24 |
| Buchanan | Pleasant View | Old Order Amish | Samuel T. Miller | 1336 Dillon Avenue | Fairbank, IA | 50629 | 16 | Oelwein CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Buchanan | Timber Ridge | Old Order Amish | Freeman E. Yoder | 1320 Central Ave | Fairbank, IA | 50629 | 10 | Oelwein CSD | 8-20-24 |
| | Cedar River Mennonite Schools | | | | | | | | |
| Chickasaw | Bridge Water | Groffdale Conference | Lamar Burkholder | 1255 Durham Ave | Alta Vista, IA | 50603 | 21 | Charles City CSD | 8-20-24 |
| Chickasaw | Cedar River | Groffdale Conference | Lamar Burkholder | 1255 Durham Ave | Alta Vista, IA | 50603 | 26 | Charles City and Osage | 8-20-24 |
| Chickasaw | Countryside | Groffdale Conference | Lamar Burkholder | 1255 Durham Ave | Alta Vista, IA | 50603 | 22 | Charles City and New Hampton | 8-20-24 |
| Chickasaw | Deerfield | Groffdale Conference | Lamar Burkholder | 1255 Durham Ave | Alta Vista, IA | 50603 | 24 | Charles City and New Hampton | 8-19-24 |
| Chickasaw | East Lincoln | Groffdale Conference | Lamar Burkholder | 1255 Durham Ave | Alta Vista, IA | 50603 | 19 | Charles City and Osage | 8-20-24 |
| Chickasaw | Jackson Woods | Groffdale Conference | Lamar Burkholder | 1255 Durham Ave | Alta Vista, IA | 50603 | 18 | Charles City CSD | 8-20-24 |
| Chickasaw | Little Wapsi | Groffdale Conference | Lamar Burkholder | 1255 Durham Ave | Alta Vista, IA | 50603 | 27 | Howard-Winneshiek and Ricevil | 8-20-24 |
| Chickasaw | Nature Valley | Groffdale Conference | Lamar Burkholder | 1255 Durham Ave | Alta Vista, IA | 50603 | 20 | Charles City CSD | 8-20-24 |
| Chickasaw | Scenic Ridge | Groffdale Conference | Lamar Burkholder | 1255 Durham Ave | Alta Vista, IA | 50603 | 24 | Howard-Winneshiek CSD | 8-20-24 |
| Chickasaw | Sunny Meadow | Groffdale Conference | Lamar Burkholder | 1255 Durham Ave | Alta Vista, IA | 50603 | 11 | Osage and Riceville | 8-19-24 |
| Chickasaw | Timber View | Groffdale Conference | Lamar Burkholder | 1255 Durham Ave | Alta Vista, IA | 50603 | 30 | Howard Winneshiek & Riceville | 8-20-24 |
| Chickasaw | Walnut Grove | Groffdale Conference | Lamar Burkholder | 1255 Durham Ave | Alta Vista, IA | 50603 | 34 | Osage CSD | 8-20-24 |
| Clarke | Sunny Ridge | Amish | Mose E. Borntrager | 2049 120th Ave | Murray, IA | 50174 | 90 | Murray CSD | 6-5-24 |
| | Hidden Valley Schools | | | | | | | | |
| Clayton | Hidden Valley | Old Order Amish | Dan Borntrager | 23951 Harvest Rd | Edgewood, IA | 52042 | 13 | Edgewood Colesburg CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Clayton | Hilton Ridge | Old Order Amish | Dan Borntrager | 23951 Harvest Rd | Edgewood, IA | 52042 | 8 | Edgewood Colesburg CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Clayton | Meadow Lawn | Old Order Amish | Dan Borntrager | 23951 Harvest Rd | Edgewood, IA | 52042 | 15 | Edgewood Colesburg CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Clayton | Plain View CLOSED | Old Order Amish | Dan Borntrager | 23951 Harvest Rd | Edgewood, IA | 52042 | 0 | Edgewood Colesburg CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Clayton | Pleasant Valley | Old Order Amish | Dan Borntrager | 23951 Harvest Rd | Edgewood, IA | 52042 | 8 | Edgewood Colesburg CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Clayton | Pleasant View | Old Order Amish | Dan Borntrager | 23951 Harvest Rd | Edgewood, IA | 52042 | 14 | Edgewood Colesburg CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Dallas | Dallas Center Christian | Dunkard Brethren | James Meyers | 26331 205th St. | Dallas Center, IA | 50063 | 22 | Dallas Center Grimes CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Davis | Bloomfield Mennonite | Bloomfield Mennonite Church | Randy Hauder | 28452 Lilac Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 23 | Davis County CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Davis | Cedar Lane | Bloomfield Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 27 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Clearview | Bloomfield Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 22 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Cloverdale | Bloomfield Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 17 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Driftwood Gems | Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 24 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Echo Ridge | Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 22 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Friendship School | Bloomfield East District | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 17 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Happy Hollow | Bloomfield Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 0 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Hillview | Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52572 | 24 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Maple Grove | Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52572 | 18 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Meadow Lane | Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52572 | 24 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Pioneer Trails | Bloomfield Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 26 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Pleasant Hill | Bloomfield Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 18 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Pleasant Valley | Bloomfield Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 29 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |

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| Davis | Prairie View | Bloomfield Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 26 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Rock Island | Bloomfield Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52572 | 22 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Singing Prairie | Bloomfield Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52572 | 26 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Walnut Grove | Bloomfield Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 0 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Davis | Timber Trails School | Old Order Amish | Erwin Jay Yoder | 21475 Ice Ave | Bloomfield, IA | 52537 | 24 | Davis County CSD | 10-1-24 |
| Decatur | Bloomington | Old Order Amish | David E. Yoder | 17094280th St | Davis City, IA | 50065 | 18 | Lamoni CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Decatur | Evergreen | Old Order Amish | Menno Byler | 17648 310th St | Davis City, IA | 50065 | 15 | Lamoni CSD | 8-20-24 |
| Decatur | Franklin Christian School | Salem Mennonite/Beachy Amish | Myron Yoder | 25865 Perry Rd | Leon, IA | 50144 | 39 | Central Decatur CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Howard | Pine Grove Mennonite | Holdeman Mennonite | Steven Wedel | 203 W. 5th St. | Riceville, IA | 50466 | 48 | Howard Winn, Riceville, | 6-5-24 |
| Jefferson | Barnyard Echo School | Old Order Amish | Marlin Mast | 2881 136th St., | Brighton, IA | 52540 | 29 | Fairfield CSD | 6-17-24 |
| Jefferson | Whistling Meadow | Old Order Amish | Marlin Mast | 2881 136th St | Brighton, IA | 52540 | 16 | Fairfield CSD | 6-17-24 |
| Johnson | Brookside | Old Order Amish | Cephas Yoder | 2639 520th St SW | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 15 | Mid Prairie CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Johnson | Centerville | Old Order Amish | Cephas Yoder | 2639 520th St. SW | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 34 | Mid Prairie CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Johnson | Deerview | Old Order Amish | Cephas Yoder | 2639 520th St. SW | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 18 | Mid Prairie CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Johnson | Echo Vale | Old Order Amish | Cephas Yoder | 2639 520th St. SW | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 22 | Mid Prairie CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Johnson | Friendship | Old Order Amish | Cephas Yoder | 2639 520th St. SW | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 23 | Mid Prairie CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Johnson | Glenbrook | Old Order Amish | Cephas Yoder | 2639 520th St. SW | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 16 | Mid Prairie CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Johnson | Maple Grove | Old Order Amish | Cephas Yoder | 2639 520th St. SW | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 13 | Mid Prairie CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Johnson | Middleburg | Old Order Amish | Cephas Yoder | 2639 520th St. SW | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 11 | Mid Prairie CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Johnson | Pleasant Valley | Old Order Amish | Cephas Yoder | 2639 520th St. SW | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 23 | Mid Prairie CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Johnson | Shady Lane | Old Order Amish | Cephas Yoder | 2639 520th St. SW | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 24 | Mid Prairie CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Johnson | Sunny Slope | Old Order Amish | Cephas Yoder | 2639 520th St. SW | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 19 | Mid Prairie CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Johnson | Sharon Bethel | Beachy Amish Mennonite | Matt Petersheim | 2260 520th St. SW | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 28 | Mid Prairie CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Johnson | Timber Creek | Old Order Amish | Cephas Yoder | 2639 520th St. SW | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 16 | Mid Prairie CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Keokuk | Meadow View | Old Order Amish | Aaron Miller | 18667 Highway 149 | Sigourney, IA | 52591 | 26 | Sigourney CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Mitchell | Plainview | Old Order Amish | Eli Petersheim | 3151 470th St | McIntire, IA | 50455 | 14 | Riceville CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Mitchell | Oak Grove | Old Order Amish | Eli Petersheim | 3151 470th St | McIntire, IA | 50455 | 16 | Riceville CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Mitchell | Wapsi Valley | Old Order Amish | Eli Petersheim | 3151 470th St. | McIntire, IA | 50455 | 16 | Riceville CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Montgomery | Red Oak Country School | Red Oak Mennonite | Kenton Toews | 1671 250th St. | Red Oak, IA | 51566 | 29 | Red Oak CSD | 8-20-24 |
| Ringgold | Timber View | Old Order Amish | Paul Troyer | 3161 170th Ave | Redding, IA | 50860 | 8 | Mount Ayr CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Union | Crestview A. M. School | Crestview Amish Mennonite | Maynard Hostetler | 1825 120th Street | Creston, IA | 50801 | 55 | Creston CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Van Buren | Honeycreek | Old Order Amish | Merlen Yoder | 21431 White Ave. | Bonaparte, IA | 52626 | 30 | Van Buren CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Van Buren | Lone Spruce | Old Order Amish | Joni Miller | 21175 Spruce Ave | Keosauqua, IA | 52565 | 21 | Van Buren CSD | 8-20-24 |
| Van Buren | Meadowview | Old Order Amish | Paul J Yoder | 907 N. Sunset Dr. | Milton, IA | 52542 | 12 | Van Buren CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Van Buren | North Prairie | Old Order Weaverland Mennonite | Leslie High | 14179 300th St | Cantril, IA | 52542 | 27 | Van Buren CSD | 8-19-24 |
| Van Buren | Plainview | Old Order Amish | Paul J Yoder | 907 N. Sunset Dr. | Milton, IA | 52570 | 27 | Van Buren CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Van Buren | Roscoe | Old Order Amish | Paul J Yoder | 907 N. Sunset Dr. | Milton, IA | 52570 | 13 | Van Buren CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Van Buren | Waneta | Old Order Amish | Paul J Yoder | 907 N. Sunset Dr. | Milton, IA | 52570 | 15 | Van Buren CSD | 6-5-24 |
| Washington | Sharon Bethel | Beachy Amish Mennonite | Matt Petersheim | 1831 Johnson Washington Rd | Kalona, IA | 52247 | 28 | Mid-Prairie CSD | 10-9-24 |
| Worth | Echo Valley School | Northwood Old Order Amish | John Borntrager | 5024 Nuthatch Ave. | Northwood, IA | 50459 | 21 | Northwood-Kensett CSD | 8-20-24 |
| | Number of Schools: 85 | | | | | | | | |
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