

Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

November 15 2023



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.

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 81 religious' groups.

Background:

In the past, religious groups in Iowa are exempt 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-one 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.

Each of these religious groups has complied with requests for information.

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County	School Name	Denomination	Contact person	Address	City	Enrollment	Public District
Buchanan	Brookside	Old Order Amish	William Raber	1823 150th St	Hazleton	23	Oelwein CSD
Buchanan	Green Meadow	Old Order Amish	Andy E Raber	1286 Indiana Ave	Hazleton	32	Oelwein CSD
Buchanan	Hickory Grove	Old Order Amish	Allen Raber	1751 150th St	Hazleton	12	Oelwein CSD
Buchanan	Hilltop View	Old Order Amish	Dan Kaufman Jr.	1641 140th St	Hazleton	23	Oelwein CSD
Buchanan	Limestone View	Old Order Amish	Freeman Helmuth	1635 120th St	Hazleton	15	Oelwein CSD
Buchanan	Pine Grove School	Old Order Amish	Orla Lambright	1858 Fairbank Amish Blvd.	Independence	18	Jesup CSD
Buchanan	Sunnyside	Central Amish	Cornelius Lambright	1442 145th St	Fairbank	27	Jesup CSD
Buchanan	Pleasant View	Old Order Amish	Samuel T. Miller	1336 Dillon Avenue	Fairbank	16	Oelwein CSD
Buchanan	Timber Ridge	Old Order Amish	Freeman E. Yoder	1320 Central Ave	Fairbank	10	Oelwein CSD
Chickasaw	Bridge Water	Groffdale Conference	Lamar Burkholder	1255 Durham Ave	Alta Vista	23	Charles City CSD
Chickasaw	Cedar River	Groffdale Conference	Lamar Burkholder	1255 Durham Ave	Alta Vista	32	Charles City CSD and Osage CSD
Chickasaw	Countryside	Groffdale Conference	Lamar Burkholder	1255 Durham Ave	Alta Vista	25	Charles City CSD and New Hampton CSD
Chickasaw	Deerfield	Groffdale Conference	Lamar Burkholder	1255 Durham Ave	Alta Vista	28	Charles City CSD and New Hampton CSD
Chickasaw	East Lincoln	Groffdale Conference	Lamar Burkholder	1255 Durham Ave	Alta Vista	21	Charles City CSD and Osage CSD
Chickasaw	Jackson Woods	Groffdale Conference	Lamar Burkholder	1255 Durham Ave	Alta Vista	16	Charles City CSD
Chickasaw	Little Wapsi	Groffdale Conference	Lamar Burkholder	1255 Durham Ave	Alta Vista	28	Howard-Winneshiek CSD and Riceville CSD
Chickasaw	Nature Valley	Groffdale Conference	Lamar Burkholder	1255 Durham Ave	Alta Vista	19	Charles City CSD
Chickasaw	Scenic Ridge	Groffdale Conference	Lamar Burkholder	1255 Durham Ave	Alta Vista	26	Howard-Winneshiek CSD
Chickasaw	Sunny Meadow	Groffdale Conference	Lamar Burkholder	1255 Durham Ave	Alta Vista	11	Osage CSD and Riceville CSD
Chickasaw	Timber View	Groffdale Conference	Lamar Burkholder	1255 Durham Ave	Alta Vista	31	Howard Winneshiek CSD and Riceville CSD
Chickasaw	Walnut Grove	Groffdale Conference	Lamar Burkholder	1255 Durham Ave	Alta Vista	32	Osage CSD
Clarke	Sunny Ridge	Amish	Mose E. Borntreger	2049 120th Ave	Murray	81	Murray CSD
Clayton	Hidden Valley	Old Order Amish	Dan Borntreger	23951 Harvest Rd	Edgewood	11	Edgewood Colesburg CSD
Clayton	Hilton Ridge	Old Order Amish	Dan Borntreger	23951 Harvest Rd	Edgewood	18	Edgewood Colesburg CSD
Clayton	Meadow Lawn	Old Order Amish	Dan Borntreger	23951 Harvest Rd	Edgewood	14	Edgewood Colesburg CSD
Clayton	Pleasant Valley	Old Order Amish	Dan Borntreger	23951 Harvest Rd	Edgewood	9	Edgewood Colesburg CSD
Clayton	Pleasant View	Old Order Amish	Dan Borntreger	23951 Harvest Rd	Edgewood	14	Edgewood Colesburg CSD
Dallas	Dallas Center Christian	Dunkard Brethren	James Meyers	26331 205th St.	Dallas Center	18	Dallas Center Grimes CSD
Davis	Bloomfield Mennonite	Bloomfield Mennonite Church	Randy Hauder	28452 Lilac Ave	Bloomfield	19	Davis County CSD
Davis	Cedar Lane	Bloomfield Old Order Amish	Ivan Joe Yoder	19887 Jade Ave.	Bloomfield	25	Davis County CSD
Davis	Clearview	Bloomfield Old Order Amish	Richard Mast	14726 220th St	Bloomfield	29	Davis County CSD
Davis	Friendship School	Bloomfield East District	David Allen Yoder	18392 200th St	Bloomfield	22	Davis County CSD
Davis	Happy Hollow	Bloomfield Old Order Amish	Harley Mast	18665 Flora Ave	Bloomfield	25	Davis County CSD
Davis	Hillview	Old Order Amish	Ferman Mast	16853 Eagle Blvd	Drakesville	23	Davis County CSD
Davis	Pleasant Hill	Bloomfield Old Order Amish	Ivan Bontrager	19852 Harvest Ave	Bloomfield	16	Davis County CSD
Davis	Pleasant Valley	Bloomfield Old Order Amish	Joseph Gingerich	19041 180th St	Bloomfield	28	Davis County CSD

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Davis	Rock Island	Bloomfield Old Order Amish	Wayne Jay Mast	15778 175th St	Drakesville	23	Davis County CSD
Davis	Singing Prairie	Bloomfield Old Order Amish	Wilbur Nisley	13087 220th St	Bloomfield	28	Davis County CSD
Davis	Walnut Grove	Bloomfield Old Order Amish	Marcus Gingerich	18087 Ginger Av23	Bloomfield	22	Davis County CSD
Davis	Prairiegrove	Old Order Amish	Nathan H. Yoder	23988 Ebony Ave	Bloomfield	29	Davis County CSD
Davis	Timber Trails School	Old Order Amish	Erwin Jay Yoder	21475 Ice Ave	Bloomfield	22	Davis County CSD
Davis	Cloverdale	Old Order Amish	Erwin Jay Yoder	21475 Ice Ave	Bloomfield	20	Davis County CSD
Decatur	Bloomington	Old Order Amish	Enos Swartzentruber Jr	12794 Co Hwy J45	Lamoni	18	Lamoni CSD
Decatur	Evergreen	Old Order Amish	Menno Byler	17648 310th St	Davis City	14	Lamoni CSD
Decatur	Sunnyview	Old Order Amish	Jacob Gingerich	16021 280th St	Lamoni	21	Lamoni CSD
Decatur	Franklin Christian School	Salem Mennonite/Beachy Amish	Arlyn Kauffman	25184 Popcorn Rd	Weldon	39	Central Decatur CSD
Fayette	Scenic View Christian	Scenic View Christian	Errol Koehn	PO Box 256	Hawkeye	12	North Fayette Valley CSD
Howard	Pine Grove Mennonite	Holdeman Mennonite	Steven Wedel	203 W. 5th St.	Riceville	40	Howard Winneshiek CSD and Riceville CSD
Jefferson	Barnyard Echo School	Old Order Amish	Marlin Mast	2881 136th St.,	Brighton	29	Fairfield CSD
Jefferson	Whistling Meadow	Old Order Amish	Marlin Mast	2881 136th St	Brighton	16	Fairfield CSD
Johnson	Brookside	Old Order Amish	Cephas Yoder	2639 520th St SW	Kalona	15	Mid Prairie CSD
Johnson	Centerville	Old Order Amish	Cephas Yoder	2639 520th St. SW	Kalona	32	Mid Prairie CSD
Johnson	Deerview	Old Order Amish	Cephas Yoder	2639 520th St. SW	Kalona	18	Mid Prairie CSD
Johnson	Echo Vale	Old Order Amish	Cephas Yoder	2639 520th St. SW	Kalona	23	Mid Prairie CSD
Johnson	Friendship	Old Order Amish	Cephas Yoder	2639 520th St. SW	Kalona	24	Mid Prairie CSD
Johnson	Glenbrook	Old Order Amish	Cephas Yoder	2639 520th St. SW	Kalona	14	Mid Prairie CSD
Johnson	Maple Grove	Old Order Amish	Cephas Yoder	2639 520th St. SW	Kalona	18	Mid Prairie CSD
Johnson	Middleburg	Old Order Amish	Cephas Yoder	2639 520th St. SW	Kalona	8	Mid Prairie CSD
Johnson	Pleasant Valley	Old Order Amish	Cephas Yoder	2639 520th St. SW	Kalona	25	Mid Prairie CSD
Johnson	Shady Lane	Old Order Amish	Cephas Yoder	2639 520th St. SW	Kalona	24	Mid Prairie CSD
Johnson	Sunny Slope	Old Order Amish	Cephas Yoder	2639 520th St. SW	Kalona	18	Mid Prairie CSD
Johnson	Sharon Bethel	Beachy Amish Mennonite	Matt Petersheim	2260 520th St. SW	Kalona	29	Mid Prairie CSD
Johnson	Timber Creek	Old Order Amish	Cephas Yoder	2639 520th St. SW	Kalona	14	Mid Prairie CSD
Keokuk	Meadow View	Old Order Amish	Aaron Miller	18667 Highway 149	Sigourney	25	Sigourney CSD
Mitchell	Little Cedar Mennonite	Little Cedar Mennonite Church	Norman Borntreger	4351 March Ave.	Osage	12	St. Ansgar CSD
Mitchell	Plainview	Old Order Amish	Eli Petersheim	3151 470th St	McIntire	18	Riceville CSD
Mitchell	Oak Grove	Old Order Amish	Eli Petersheim	3151 470th St	McIntire	17	Riceville CSD
Mitchell	Wapsi Valley	Old Order Amish	Eli Petersheim	3151 470th St.	McIntire	15	Riceville CSD
Montgomery	Red Oak Country School	Red Oak Mennonite	Justin Wedel	2126 230th St.	Red Oak	27	Red Oak CSD

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Ringgold	Middle Fork	Old Order Amish	Paul Troyer	3161 170th Ave.	Redding	10	Mount Ayr CSD
Union	Crestview A. M. School	Crestview Amish Mennonite	Maynard Hostetler	1143 Ivy Ave.	Creston	50	Creston CSD
Van Buren	Honeycreek	Old Order Amish	Merlen Yoder	21431 White Ave.	Bonaparte	24	Van Buren CSD
Van Buren	Lone Spruce	Old Order Amish	Joni Miller	21175 Spruce Ave	Keosauqua	22	Van Buren CSD
Van Buren	Meadowview	Old Order Amish	Paul J Yoder	907 N. Sunset Dr.	Milton	11	Van Buren CSD
Van Buren	North Prairie	Old Order Weaverland Mennonite	Leslie High	14179 300th St	Cantril	34	Van Buren CSD
Van Buren	Plainview	Old Order Amish	Paul J Yoder	907 N. Sunset Dr.	Milton	24	Van Buren CSD
Van Buren	Roscoe	Old Order Amish	Paul J Yoder	907 N. Sunset Dr.	Milton	20	Van Buren CSD
Van Buren	Sunnyside Parocial	Old Order Amish	Joe Lengacher	22583 Heather Ave	Keosauqua	20	Van Buren CSD
Van Buren	Waneta	Old Order Amish	Paul J Yoder	907 N. Sunset Dr.	Milton	15	Van Buren CSD
Washington	Sharon Bethel	Beachy Amish Mennonite	Matt Petersheim	1831 Johnson Washington Rd	Kalona	34	Mid-Prairie CSD
Worth	Echo Valley	Northwood Old Order Amish	John Borntreger	5024 Nuthatch Ave.	Northwood	17	Northwood-Kensett CSD