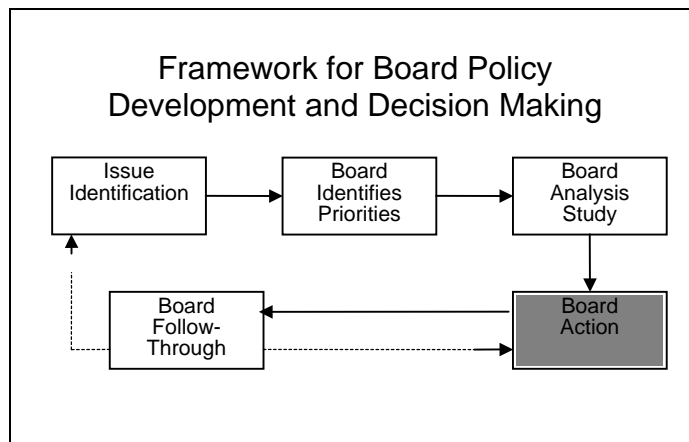


# Iowa State Board of Education

## Executive Summary

February 7, 2007



**Agenda Item:** Religious Groups Exempted from School Standards

**Iowa Goal:** 2. All K-12 students will achieve at high levels, prepared for success beyond high school.

**Equity Impact Statement:**

Iowa Code section 299.24 provides for an exemption from the compulsory education law and the educational standards law for members of established religious denominations which profess tenets that differ substantially from these laws.

**Presenter:** Consent Agenda

**Attachments:** 2

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the exemption renewal requests for 45 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 Education with the approval of the State Board of Education.

Forty-five religious groups have submitted renewal requests including an appropriate list of the names, ages, and post office addresses of children of compulsory age as required by 299.24.

Each of these forty-five (45) religious groups has complied with requests for information and the annual assessment requirement.

The Department of Education continues to work with the remaining groups to ascertain the necessary information.



DATE: February 7, 2007

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Judy Jeffrey, Director

SUBJECT: Religious Groups Exempted from Educational Standards

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the exemption renewal requests for 45 religious groups, which were filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 299.24.

**Background**

Iowa Code section 299.24 provides an exemption for religious groups from compliance with the compulsory education and educational standards laws. The initial exemption is for two years. A one-year renewal may be requested by each religious group desiring to do so.

The Department of Education has the administrative responsibility for the exemption and exemption renewal processes. As a part of the exemption renewal process, a report is prepared and submitted annually to the State Board of Education. That report contains the renewal requests and the staff recommendation regarding those requests.

School	Mailing Address	City	Zip	Denomination	First Name	Last Name	Public School	Request Date	School Year	Enroll.
Bear Creek Valley School	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	Old Order Amish	Dan E.	Borntrager	Edgewood-Colesburg	4/13/2006	2007	20
Bloomfield Mennonite School	22280 Mallard Ave	Bloomfield	52537	Mennonite	Cecil	Nightengale	Davis County	5/17/2006	2007	29
Bloomington School	17094 280th St.	Davis City	50065	Old Order Amish	John H.	Miller	Lamoni	4/11/2006	2007	32
Cedar River Mennonite Schools	3333 170th Street	Ionia	50645	Old Order Mennonite	David	Oberholtzer	Charles City, New Hampton, Osage, Riceville, Elma, and Minnesota	4/11/2006	2007	200
Clearview School	14936 225th Street	Bloomfield	52537	Old Order Amish	Ervin	Mast	Davis County	4/11/2006	2007	24
Cloverdale School	15956 Ice Ave	Drakesville	52552	NE Amish Church	Jacob	Kuhns	Davis County	4/25/2006	2007	28
Dallas Center Christian School - 205	2641 205th Street	Dallas Center	50063	Dunkard Brethren	James	Meyers	Dallas Center-Grimes, Perry, Woodward, ADM	4/3/2006	2007	40
Dallas Center Christian School - T Ave	2218 T Avenue	Dallas Center	50063	Dunkard Brethren	Philip	Funk	Dallas Center-Grimes	4/3/2006	2007	12
Echo Ridge School	19889 Earth Lane	Bloomfield	52537	Old Order Amish	Lloyd	Borntrager	Davis County	4/11/2006	2007	22
Echo Vale School	2728 470th St.	Johnson	52240	Amish	David	Stutsman	Mid-Prairie	5/9/2005	2007	25
Franklin Christian School	15346 US Hwy 69	Weldon	50264	Amish Mennonite	Norman	Troyer	Central Decatur	3/27/2006	2007	10
Friendship School	5166 Hazelwood Ave SW	Kalona	52247	Old Order Amish	Willis	Mast	Mid-Prairie	4/19/2006	2007	29
Happy Hollow	20291 Flora Ave.	Bloomfield	52537	Old Order Amish	Delbert	Beechy	Davis County	4/26/2006	2007	23
Haven Christian Day School	4775 Derby Ave. SW	Kalona	52247	Haven Conservative Mennonite	James	Swarteentruber	Mid-Prairie & Iowa City	4/18/2006	2007	16
Hickory Grove School	1698 150th Street	Hazelton	50641	Old Order Amish	Allen	Kauffman	Oelwein	4/19/2006	2007	19
Hilltop View School	1288 Grant Ave.	Hazelton	50641	Old Order Amish	Allen	Bontrager	Oelwein	4/14/2006	2007	19
Hillview School	15451 175th St	Drakesville	52552	Old Order Amish	Kenneth	Yoder	Davis County	4/11/2006	2007	25
Hilton Ridge School	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	Old Order Amish	Dan E.	Borntrager	Edgewood-Colesburg	4/13/2006	2007	21
Lebanon Parochial School	23583 Heather Ave.	Keosauqua	52565	Old Order Amish	Joe	Lengacher	Van Buren	4/26/2006	2007	29
Limestone View School	1616 120th Street	Hazelton	50641	Old Order Amish	Freeman	Helmuth	Oelwein	5/10/2006	2007	25
Maple Lane Christian Day School	4775 Derby Ave. SW	Kalona	52247	Haven Conservative Mennonite	James	Swartzendruber	Riceville, Osage	4/27/2006	2007	8
Meadow Lane School (Bloomfield)	21882 Hwy 63	Bloomfield	52537	Old Order Amish	Samuel	Miller	Davis County	3/13/2006	2007	18
Middle Fork School	3161 170th Avenue	Redding	50860	Old Order Amish	Paul	Troyer	Mt. Ayr	4/3/2006	2007	40
Middleburg School	2480 105th St.	Kalona	52247	Old Order Amish	Monroe	Ropp	Mid-Prairie	4/6/2006	2007	35
North Prairie School	17260 26th	Cantril	52542	Conference Mennonite	Clair	Zimmerman	Fox Valley	4/13/2006	2007	33
Oak Grove School	4564 Valley Ave.	McIntyre	50455	Old Order Amish	Eli R.	Yoder	Riceville	4/25/2006	2007	15
Pine Grove School	5549 170th St	Elma	50628	Lime Springs Congregational Mennonite	Gordon	Holdeman	Elma, Riceville, Lime Springs, Cresco	12/7/2005	2007	22
Pioneer Trail School	17348 Kelp Ave.	Blom	52537	Amish	Cephas	Hershberger	Davis County	4/3/2006	2007	21
Plain View School-McIntyre	4564 Valley Ave.	McIntyre	50455	Old Order Amish	Eli R.	Yoder	Riceville	4/25/2006	2007	20
Pleasant Hill School	20556 Ice Avenue	Bloomfield	52537	Old Order Amish	Joe	Yoder	Davis County	4/19/2006	2007	29
Pleasant Ridge School	1001 128th Street	Corydon	50060	Amish	Sammie	Gingerich	Wayne	5/4/2006	2007	14
Pleasant Valley School-Bloomfield	19070 180th St.	Bloomfield	52537	Old Order Amish	Mervin	Gingerich	Davis County	8/21/2006	2007	29
Pleasant Valley School-Edgewood	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	Old Order Amish	Dan E.	Borntrager	Edgewood-Colesburg	4/13/2006	2007	25
Pleasant Valley School-Kalona	1187 Orange Ave.	Kalona	52247	Amish	Cephas	Miller	Mid-Prairie	4/11/2006	2007	27
Pleasant View School	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	Old Order Amish	Dan E.	Borntrager	Edgewood-Colesburg	4/13/2006	2007	25
Ridgeview School	23951 Harvest Rd.	Edgewood	52042	Old Order Amish	Dan E.	Borntrager	Edgewood-Colesburg	4/13/2006	2007	22
Roscoe Township School	27420 Wheat Avenue	Milton	52570	Old Order Amish	Vernon	Miller	Davis County	4/13/2006	2007	20

