

POLICY ————— **PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP**
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Excusal from Class or Program

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The Board of Education directs that a pupil be excused from any part of the instructions in health education, family life education, sex education, or instruction that includes dissection of animals that the parent or legal guardian of the pupil or the adult pupil finds morally, conscientiously, or religiously offensive. A request for excusal must be presented in a signed statement and submitted to the Superintendent or designee.

An excused pupil shall be assigned to an alternate program of independent study on a substitute topic within the health education, family life education, or sex education program. The parent's or legal guardian's right of excusal applies to any alternate program as well.

No excused pupil will be penalized by loss of credit as a result of his or her excusal, but a pupil will be held accountable for successful completion of any alternate program assigned.

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.7

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