

**ITEM            EXEMPTION -    AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT  
STUDENTS**

**POLICY**    In accordance with Section 24 of the *Education Act*, the Minister or his or her delegate may exempt a child from attendance at school for a specified period, and may, at any time, revoke such an exemption.

**Withdrawal from specified courses**

In accordance with Section 23 of the Act, a parent of a child enrolled at a government school may request the Principal of that school to withdraw the child from the whole or a specified part of a specified course at the school.

The Principal **may** comply with such a request.

However the Principal **shall** comply with the request if

- the course of instruction specified in the request is a course of religious instruction; or
- the parent claims to have a conscientious objection to the child's attending the course or part of the course.

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