1		EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
2 3	The A	lexandria City School Board (Board) shall excuse from attendance at school:
4 5 6	1.	Any student who, together with the student's parents/guardians, by reason of bona fide religious training or belief, is conscientiously opposed to attendance at school.
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8	2.	On the recommendation of the juvenile and domestic relations court of the city or county
9 10		in which the student resides, and for such period of time as the court determines appropriate, any student who, together with their parents/guardians, is opposed to
10		attendance at a school by reason of concern for the student's health as verified by
12		competent medical evidence, or by reason of such student's reasonable apprehension for
13		personal safety when such concern or apprehension in that pupil's specific case is
14		determined by the court, upon consideration of the recommendation of the principal and
15		division Superintendent, to be justified.
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17	The B	oard may excuse from attendance at school:
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19	1.	On recommendation of the principal and the division Superintendent and with the written
20		consent of the parent or guardian, any student whom the School Board determines, in
21 22		accordance with regulations of the Virginia Board of Education, cannot benefit from education at school; or
22		education at school, of
24	2.	On recommendation of the juvenile and domestic relations district court of the city or
25		county in which the student resides, any student who, in the judgment of the court, cannot
26		benefit from education at school.
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28		illy, the school principal shall seek to verify the residency of any person of school age who
29	is not	enrolled in a school.
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31	The co	ompulsory education requirements do not apply to
32 33	•	Children suffering from contagious or infectious diseases;
33 34	•	Children whose mandated immunizations against communicable diseases have not been
35	•	completed;
36	•	Children under 10 years of age who live more than two miles from a public school unless
37		public transportation is provided within one mile of the place where such children live; and
38	•	Children between the ages of 10 and 17, inclusive, who live more than 2.5 miles from a
39		public school unless public transportation is provided within 1.5 miles of the place where
40		such children live.
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42		ition, any child who will not have reached their sixth birthday on or before September 30 of
43		chool year whose parent or guardian notifies the School Board that the parent/guardian does
44		sh the child to attend school until the following year because the child, in the opinion of the
45	parent	or guardian, is not mentally, physically, or emotionally prepared to attend school, may delay

46 the child's attendance for one year.

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- 48 Home instruction (homeschooling) of students must occur in accordance with Policy LBD Home
- 49 Instruction. Home instruction does not require a religious exemption to compulsory attendance.

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5	1. Any student who, together with his/her the student's parents/guardians, by reason of bona	
6	fide religious training or belief, is conscientiously opposed to attendance at school.	Commented [2]: Should the policy related to home-
7		schooling due to religious exemption be cited here?
8	2. On the recommendation of the juvenile and domestic relations court of the city or county	Commented [3]: Home schooling doesn't require any
9	in which the student resides, and for such period of time as the court determines	reason at all. Added breadcrumbs to the regulation.
10	appropriate, any student who, together with his/her-their parents/guardians, is opposed to	
11	attendance at a school by reason of concern for the student's health as verified by	
12	competent medical evidence, or by reason of such <u>studentpupil</u> 's reasonable apprehension	
13	for personal safety when such concern or apprehension in that pupil's specific case is	
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20	consent of the parent or guardian, any student whom the School Board determines, in	
21	accordance with regulations of the Virginia Board of Education, cannot benefit from	
22	education at school; or	
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24	2. On recommendation of the juvenile and domestic relations district court of the city or	
25	county in which the student resides, any student who, in the judgment of the court, cannot	
26 27	benefit from education at school.	
28	Annually, the school principal shall seek to verify the residency of any person of school age who	
29	is not enrolled in a school. Any request for exemption from attendance shall be presented annually	Commented [4]: Adjusted based on public feedback.
30	in writing to the Superintendent or designee.	Commented [5]: Removed this language and added
31		new language after consulting with the Policy
32	The compulsory education requirements do not apply to	committee and counsel for HEAV re imposing
33		extraneous burdens on families who are exempt from attendance for religious reasons.
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40	such children live.	
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44	30 of each school year whose parent or guardian notifies the School Board that he/shethe	
45	parent/guardian does not wish the child to attend school until the following year because the child,	
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49	Home instruc	tion (homescho	oling) of students must occur in accordance with Policy LBD - Home					
50	Instruction. Home instruction does not require a religious exemption to compulsory attendance. Commented [6]: Added to add clarity.							
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