

Central School District 13J

Code: **JEFB**
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Orig. Code(s): JEFB

Release Time for Religious Instruction**

The district will permit elementary and secondary school students to be released from school each week consistent with Oregon law for religious instruction.

Students may be excused from school for religious instruction, not to exceed two hours for grades 1-8 and five hours for grades 9-12 in any school week.

Students not attending religious instruction will continue with the regular school program.

The administration shall have procedures for dismissing and recording excused absences for students attending religious instruction.

Any student unable to attend classes on a particular day due to religious beliefs shall be excused from attendance requirements for that day.

No such absence shall be counted against a student in determining exclusion, failure or reduction of grades. Any tests and assignments a student misses because of religious instruction shall be given to the student at another time.

Religious teachers will not be permitted to promote student participation by directly contacting students on school premises or by involving students in the released time program to recruit their friends who remain in the classroom. All promotional activities will be conducted away from the school premises.

A written request must be signed by the parent or guardian.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.420](#)

[ORS 659.850](#)

[OAR 581-021-0046](#)

Dilger v. Sch. Dist. 24CJ, 222 Or. 108 (1960).