

Eugene School District 4J

Code: **IGAC**
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Religious Instruction

The constitutions of the United States and the state of Oregon require school districts to take a neutral position concerning religion. Public schools cannot aid one religion or all religions or prefer believers to nonbelievers. However, schools may provide instructional activities relating to historical and cultural aspects of religion under the following circumstances: (1) the activity must reflect a clearly secular purpose; (2) it must have a primary effect that neither advances nor inhibits religion; and (3) it avoids excessive entanglement with religion.

If the school principal permits student discussion groups to meet on school premises, student religious discussion groups may meet on school premises when the facilities are not being used for school purposes. Prior arrangements for such meetings must be made by contacting the school principal. Except as provided in board policy for the leasing of school facilities by religious groups, nonstudents are prohibited from meeting with students on school premises for any type of religious activity.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.035](#)

United States Constitution, Amendment I.

Oregon Constitution, Article I.