

# Gresham-Barlow SD 10

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## Teaching about Religion

The public schools are obligated to maintain neutrality in matters of religion.

The neutrality requirement suggests an ongoing search for sensitivity, understanding, appreciation and factual information about cultural and religious diversity. It also mandates that schools refrain from advocacy of a particular religious position. The district recognizes that one of its educational goals should be to advance the students' knowledge and appreciation of the role that religious heritages have played in the social, cultural and historical development of civilization.

The superintendent will develop administrative procedures that include guidelines consistent with the philosophy that religion in the schools must be educational in nature and schools must be sensitive to all beliefs.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.035](#)

United States Constitution, Amendment I.

Oregon Constitution, Article I.