

Helix School District 1R

Code: **IGAC**
Adopted: 1/8/97
Orig. Code(s): None

Teaching about Religion

Religious education is the responsibility of the home and church and, within the district's schools, shall remain the free choice of the individual, true to American heritage and the Constitution.

However, religion influences many areas of education, such as literature and history, and religion's role in civilization can and should be properly taught. Teachers may provide information and opportunity for students to study the forms of various religions. It is proper for teachers to teach about religion as opposed to teaching sectarian beliefs, although study of the Bible and other sacred documents as literary forms may inform students concerning particular sectarian ideologies.

Teachers shall be permitted to present information to students concerning religions and religious beliefs, but teachers shall not advocate a particular religion or religious belief.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.035](#)

United States Constitution, Amendment I.

Oregon Constitution, Article I.