

# Multnomah Education Service District

Code: **IGAC**  
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## Religion and Schools

Teachers shall be permitted to teach or present to students information concerning religions and religious beliefs, but teachers shall not promote or inhibit, openly or covertly or by subtlety, a particular religion, religious belief or nonreligious belief.

Students and staff members may be excused from participating in programs or activities which are contrary to their religious beliefs without penalty.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125](#)

[ORS 336.035](#)

U.S. Const. amend. I.

OR. CONST., art. I.

Kennedy v. Bremerton Sch. Dist., 869 F.3d 813 (9th Cir. 2017).

### MESD Policy Cross Reference(s):

AA - MESD Purpose and Goals

AB - Mission, Vision, Values

AC - Non-Discrimination

AD - Educational Philosophy

GB - Personnel Policies

IA/IAA - Instructional Goals

IB - Freedom of Expression

II/IIA - Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials

IIAB - Supplementary Materials Selection

IM - Evaluation of Instructional Programs

INB - Studying Controversial Issues