

# Multnomah Education Service District

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## Teaching About Religion

Religious education is the responsibility of the home and religious institution and within the MESD'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 belief.

Teachers shall be permitted to expose students to information concerning religions and religious beliefs, but teachers shall not advocate, openly or covertly or by subtlety, a particular religion or religious belief.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125\(7\)](#)

[ORS 336.035](#)

U.S. CONST. amend. I.

OR. CONST., art. I.