

Multnomah Education Service District

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Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs

It is accepted that no religious belief or non-belief should be promoted by MESD or its employees, and none should be disparaged. Instead, MESD should utilize its opportunity to foster understanding and mutual respect among students and parents, whether it involves race, culture, economic background or religious beliefs. In that spirit of tolerance, students and staff members will be excused from participating in practices which are contrary to their religious beliefs without penalty.

MESD recognizes that one of its educational goals should be to advance the students' knowledge and appreciation of the role that our religious heritages have played in the social, cultural and historical development of civilization.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.067](#)

[ORS 339.420](#)

Cross Reference:

Policy IGBHD – Program Exemptions