

Newberg School District 29J

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Teaching about Religion

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

Religion influences many areas of education, such as literature and history, and religion's role in civilization can and should be properly taught.

It is proper to teach about religion and not teach sectarian beliefs. Teachers may expose students to information concerning religions and religious beliefs but shall not advocate, openly or covertly or by subtlety, a particular religion or religious belief.

In the spirit of tolerance, students and staff may be excused from participating in practices that are contrary to their religious beliefs without penalty.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 336.035](#)

U.S. CONST. amend. I.
OR. CONST., art. I.