

# Oregon City School District

Code: **JEFB**  
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Orig. Code(s): 5540

## **Release Time for Religious Instruction\*\***

Upon application of the student's parent or guardian, a student may be released from district schools for religious instruction for periods not to exceed two hours in any week for elementary students and five hours in any week for junior and senior high school students. The student's parents or guardian assume all responsibility for transportation and all liability during the period of the student's absence from school.

Students not attending religious instruction will continue with the regular school program.

The administration shall have procedures for dismissing and recording excused absences for students attending religious instruction.

Any student unable to attend classes on a particular day due to religious beliefs shall be excused from attendance requirements for that day.

No such absence shall be counted against a student in determining exclusion, failure or reduction of grades. Any tests and assignments a student misses because of religious instruction shall be given to the student at another time.

END OF POLICY

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### **Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 339.420](#)

[ORS 659.850](#)

[OAR 581-021-0046](#)

Dilger v. Sch. Dist. 24CJ, 222 Or. 108 (1960).