

Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs

It is accepted that no religious belief or non-belief should be promoted by the School District or its employees, and none should be disparaged. Instead, the School District should utilize its opportunity to foster understanding and mutual respect among diverse students and parents, whether the diversity involves race, culture, economic background or religious beliefs. In that spirit of tolerance, students and staff members should be excused from participating in practices that are contrary to their religious beliefs without penalty unless there are clear issues of overriding concern that would prevent it.

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.067](#)
[ORS 339.420](#)