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Release Time for Religious Instruction**

The Board recognizes the desire of some parents to have their children afforded religious instruction during school hours. The Board therefore authorizes the superintendent of schools to establish procedures by which students may be released for religious instruction during school hours, for periods not to exceed two hours for grades 1-8 and five hours for grades 9-12, in any school week. The superintendent shall observe the following limitations in setting such guidelines:

1. The school shall not induce any student to participate in the program nor shall it distribute the forms for release for religious instruction. Such forms shall be available in the office only to students who ask for them;
2. Parents shall be responsible for the transportation of the students to and from the religious instruction;
3. The school shall set the hour which is to be used for released time purposes;
4. The student who leaves school for released time for religious instruction is responsible for making up whatever work s/he missed from the regular school program. No such absence shall be counted against a student in determining exclusion, failure or reduction of grades;
5. No school facility shall be used during the school day for religious instruction;
6. Students not attending religious instruction will continue with the regular school program.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.420](#)

[ORS 659.850](#)

[OAR 581-021-0046](#)

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