

Riverdale School District 51J

Code: **IGAC**
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Orig. Code(s): IGAC

Teaching about Religion

The district shall maintain neutrality in matters of religion.

However, religion influences many areas of education, such as music, literature, art, history, and religion's role in civilization. In this context, teachers may provide information and opportunity for students to study the forms of various religions. Music, art, literature and drama having religious themes or bases are permitted as part of the curriculum for school-sponsored activities and programs if presented in a prudent and objective manner and as a traditional part of the cultural and religious heritage of the particular holiday.

Teachers shall be permitted to expose students to information concerning religions and religious beliefs, but teachers shall not advocate, openly or covertly or by subtlety, a particular religion or religious belief.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.035](#)

U.S. CONST. amend. I.

OR. CONST., art. I.