

## **Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs**

It is accepted that no religious belief or nonbelief should be promoted by the district or its employees, and none should be disparaged. Instead, the district should utilize its opportunity to foster understanding and mutual respect among students and parents, whether it involves race, culture, economic background or religious beliefs. Students and staff members will be excused from participating in practices which are contrary to their religious beliefs without penalty.

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

END OF POLICY

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

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