

Release Time for Religious Instruction**

Students may be excused from school for religious instruction, not to exceed two hours for grades 1-8 and five hours for grades 9-12 in any school week.

The administration shall observe the following guidelines:

1. A student's parent or guardian must provide a written request to the principal;
2. The administration shall have procedures for dismissing and recording excused absences for students attending religious instruction;
3. Parents or guardians shall be responsible for the transportation of the students to and from the religious instruction;
4. Any student unable to attend classes on a particular day due to religious beliefs shall be excused from attendance requirements for that day;
5. No such absence shall be counted against a student in determining exclusion, failure or reduction of grades;
6. The student shall make up any tests and/or assignments missed because of such absence;
7. No school facility shall be used during the school day for religious instruction per ORS 339.420.

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).