

RELEASED TIME FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

The Board permits students to be released from school for religious instruction consistent with law. Absence during the school day for religious instruction is permitted, provided:

1. the student's parent or guardian submits a written request to the building principal;
2. the private entity providing instruction maintains attendance records and makes them available to the District and
3. the student is not absent from core curriculum subject courses

The District is not responsible for transportation to and from the place of instruction. Regular classroom instruction missed as a result of a student's absence for religious instruction will not be made up, and students assume responsibility for any missed schoolwork. Students are not considered absent from school while attending a released time course in religious instruction. The District does not aid, assist, or enforce attendance in a religious instruction program. The District does not discriminate against students who participate in such program.

No public funds are expended, and no public school personnel are involved in providing religious instruction. This policy is not intended and shall not be construed in any way to associate the District with any faith or religious denomination.

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LEGAL REFS.: U.S. Const. Amend. I
ORC 3313.47; 3313.6022
3321.04

CROSS REFS.: IGAC, Teaching About Religion
JED, Student Absences and Excuses