

Instruction

Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs

The instructional program of the schools may include references to religion or the use of religious literature, art, music or any other aspect of religion when such references are incidental to or are used to illustrate the subject matter being taught.

Any instruction in these schools that may be contrary to a student's religious beliefs and teachings may be viewed as optional for that student.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that holidays demonstrate the diversity and rich heritage of our community members. Classroom decorations and costumes may express seasonal themes.

(cf. 5113 – Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 6144 – Controversial Issues)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51240 Excuse from health instruction and family life and sex education due to religious belief

51511 Religious matters properly included in courses of study

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