

TEACHING ABOUT RELIGION

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to teach students about religion and its role as a vital force in the development of civilization as well as to foster a respect for religion and religious beliefs. In addition, the Board believes that it is the duty of the school to ensure that every student fully understands the principle of religious freedom that is part of this country's heritage.

To fulfill these acknowledged, the Board encourages factual and objective teaching about religion. Instructional programs shall be encouraged which: 1.) focus on the role that religion has played in history or in the development of a culture, and, 2.) educate students about the principle of religious liberty as one of the central elements of freedom and democracy.

Cross-ref: 5182, Released Time for Religious Instruction

Ref: U.S. Constitution, First Amendment
Education Law §3210

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