

Religious Instruction

Belief

The Division supports the provision of religious instruction in schools.

Guidelines

1. Schools may offer religious instruction in schools.
2. Student participation in religious instruction is voluntary.

Procedures

3. Religious instruction refers to a course of study, educational program, instructional material, or instruction which includes subject-matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion.
4. The principal shall ensure notice of religious instruction is provided to the parent/guardian of a student.
5. Parents/guardians shall provide the principal written notification to exempt their child from religious instruction.
6. Students shall not be assigned academic penalty when parents/guardians exempt them from religious instruction.
7. Adequate supervision and/or alternative instruction shall be provided for students who do not participate in religious instruction. Provisions shall be made for a student to complete studies:
 - 7.1 In an alternative setting, or
 - 7.2 While remaining in the classroom.
8. Exemptions from religious instruction shall become part of the student record.

Reference: *School Act* - Section 50