

***Public Education and Organized Religion***

The purpose of this policy is to identify the status of religion as it pertains to the programs of the School District.

- A. The School District shall neither promote nor disparage any religious belief or non-belief. Instead, the School District encourages all students and employees to have appreciation for and tolerance of each other's views.
- B. The School District also recognizes that religion has had and is having a significant role in the social, cultural, political, and historical development of civilization.
- C. The School District recognizes that one of its educational objectives is to increase its students' knowledge and appreciation of music, art, drama, and literature which may have had a religious basis or origin as well as a secular importance.
- D. The School District supports the inclusion of religious music, art, drama, and literature in the curriculum and in school activities provided it is intrinsic to the learning experience and is presented in an objective manner without sectarian indoctrination.
- E. The historical and contemporary values and the origin of various religions, holidays, customs and beliefs may be explained in an unbiased and nonsectarian manner.

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