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*District 77 Policy 613*

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## **613 BLOCK TIME RELEASE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to allow for the block time release of students participating in religious education programs.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

It is the policy of the school board to allow elementary and secondary students to be excused from school upon request from the parents or legal guardians for a period not to exceed three hours in any week or one full day per month for purposes of attending religious instruction classes conducted and maintained by a church or association of churches. Such instruction must take place at a location other than a public school.

*Legal References:* Minn. Stat. § 120.101.Subd. 9 (Compulsory Instruction)

*Cross References:* District 77 Policy 503 (Student Attendance)