

**INSTRUCTION**Religious Related Activities or Practices

The board recognizes that views and opinions regarding the relationship of the school and religion are diverse. While community opinions are important in shaping policy, the board must give primary credence to the United States and Washington State Constitutions and the decisions made by the respective courts when establishing guidelines for making decisions regarding religious-related activities and practices. The board further accepts the declaration of the State Board of Education that "all students...possess the constitutional right to the free exercise of religion and to have their schools free from sectarian control or influence."

Legal Reference: [U.S. Constitution](#)

[Washington State Constitution](#)

First Amendment  
Fourteenth Amendment  
Article 9, Sec 4 and Article  
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