

**Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs**

The Bon Homme School Board recognizes that religious education is the responsibility of the home and church. Within Bon Homme School District, neither the Bon Homme School Board nor any of its employees will promote any particular religious belief or non-belief. All students and staff members will be encouraged to appreciate and be tolerant of an individual's religious views. In the spirit of tolerance, students and staff members may be excused from participating in school activities such as holiday assembly programs which may be contrary to their religious beliefs.

The Bon Homme School Board realizes that the importance of religion in history, culture, and the arts cannot be ignored and should have a place in education. A distinction will be made, however, between the studies as part of the curriculum and the celebration of religious holidays in a manner that is devotional, doctrinal, or both. The distinction rests on whether the purpose or effect of such practices is the advancement of religion.

The school administrator may dismiss students for religious activity when he/she deems such advisable.

Legal References: SDCL 13-33-9; 13-33-10

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