

INSTRUCTION

Religion in the Curriculum

A. Generally

This ~~P~~ policy recognizes the pluralism of religious beliefs of citizens and the significance of religion in Virginia's history. It assumes the freedom of the individual to exercise this freedom, and not to be coerced by the state into believing any set of religious doctrine or coerced into abandoning any set of religious beliefs.

B. Objective Teaching About Religion

Teaching about religion, not instruction in religion, may take place as a separate course, in an appropriate part of another course, or in an enrichment program. Teachers should be adequately prepared to teach about religion. Separate courses about religion are deemed appropriate as electives in the secondary curriculum. Any new course offering must be approved by the School Board.

Legal References:

~~Code of Va., § 22.1-202, as amended, Instruction in history and principles of flags of United States and Virginia; Pledge of allegiance to American flag; guidelines developed by the Board.~~

~~Code of Virginia, § 22.1-202.1, as amended, Comparative religion as elective course.~~

~~Code of Virginia, § 22.1-203, as amended, Daily observance of one minute of silence.~~

~~Code of Virginia, § 22.1-203.1, as amended, Student initiated prayer.~~

~~Code of Virginia, § 22.1-203.2, as amended, Guidelines for constitutional compliance for student prayer.~~

~~Code of Virginia § 22.1-203.4, as amended. Public high schools: Virginia voter registration. Guidelines Concerning Religious Activity in the Public Schools, June 1995, Virginia Department of Education~~

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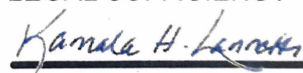
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