

TEACHING ABOUT RELIGION

Schools must be neutral in matters of religion. The schools must show no preference for one religion over another and must refrain from the promotion or description of any religion or of all religions. Consequently, there will be no teaching of religion, as such, in the schools of the District.

Teaching about religious holidays or about religion in general should be objective, should avoid any doctrinal impact and should avoid any implication that religious doctrines have the support of school authority.

It is the responsibility of the public schools to foster mutual understanding and respect for all individuals and all beliefs. In pursuing this goal, teaching in the public schools should recognize that holidays are observed differently by different religious groups. Teachers should also respect the fact that some individuals' beliefs do not include religious observances.

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LEGAL REF.: Elementary and Secondary Education Act; 20 USC 1221 et seq.RC
3313.601
U.S. Constitution Amend. I
ORC 3313.601

CROSS REF.: INB, Teaching about Controversial Issues
JB, Equal Educational Opportunities
JEFB, Released Time for Religious Instruction