## **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 affirms the constitutional tenets that all students possess the constitutional right to the free exercise of religion and that public school shall be forever free from sectarian control or influence.

Legal Reference: <u>Constitution of the United States</u> First Amendment

Fourteenth Amendment

Constitution of the State of Washington Article 9, Sec 4 and

Article 26

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