

<h1>POLICY</h1>	2016	8271
	<b>Instruction</b>	

**Subject: Religious Holiday Observance in the Schools**

It is the intent of the Board of Education to foster respect and understanding among children of different religions, races, and nationalities. Any school activities related to religious holidays are to be educational and shall be presented in a neutral manner resulting in an awareness of religions in our pluralistic society.

It is the intent of the Board not to discriminate against any student or group, but to engender an awareness of and a respect for the differences that exist as a part of the culture in which we live.

In developing the school calendar, every effort will be made to take into account the days of religious obligation. If a principal religious holiday has been omitted from the school calendar, students affected will still be legally excused.

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