

TEACHING ABOUT RELIGION

The School Committee recognizes that religious education is the responsibility of the home and church. Within the school district, neither the Committee 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 Committee, realizes the importance of religion in history, culture, and the arts. The district will not ignore religion in such contexts. A distinction will be made, between the studies as part of the curriculum and the celebration of religious holidays in a manner that is devotional, or doctrinal, or both.

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