

Book	Policy Manual
Section	Section J: Student
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Released Time for Religious Instruction

The Board permits students to be released from school for religious instruction consistent with law. The Board collaborates with a sponsoring entity of a released time for religious instruction program to identify a time to offer the course during the school day. Absence during the school day for religious instruction is permitted, provided:

1. the student's parents or guardians submit a written request to the building principal and consents to participation in the released time course in religious instruction;
2. the sponsoring entity providing instruction maintains attendance records and makes them available to the District;
3. the sponsoring entity makes provisions for and assumes liability for the student and
4. the student is not absent from core curriculum subject courses.

The District is not responsible for transportation to and from the place of instruction. Transportation to and from the place of instruction, including transportation for students with disabilities, is the complete responsibility of the sponsoring entity, parent or student. Regular classroom instruction missed as a result of a student's absence for religious instruction will not be made up and students assume responsibility for any missed schoolwork. Students are not considered absent from school while attending a released time course in religious instruction. The District does not aid, assist or enforce attendance in a religious instruction program. The District does not discriminate against students who participate in such program.

No public funds are expended and no public school personnel are involved in providing religious instruction. This policy does not constitute an endorsement of any particular faith or religious denomination and shall not be interpreted as promoting, favoring or affiliating the District with any religious organization or belief system.

Legal

- [U.S. Constitution Amend. I](#)
- [ORC 3313.20](#)
- [ORC 3313.47](#)
- [ORC 3313.6022](#)
- [ORC 3313.6030](#)
- [ORC 3321.04](#)

Cross References

- [IGAC - Teaching About Religion](#)
- [JED - Student Absences and Excuses](#)
- [KJA - Distribution of Materials in the Schools](#)

