

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **INSTRUCTION**

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5 Release Time for Religious Instruction

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7 Upon written request of a student’s parent or guardian, renewed at least annually, a student must  
8 be released from regular school attendance for the purpose of receiving off campus religious  
9 instruction for a period of one (1) hour per week.

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11 Each release of a student for the purposes of religious instruction will not adversely affect the  
12 student’s enrollment status or attendance record.

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14 Cross Reference

15 Policy 2330

Controversial Issues and Academic Freedom

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17 Legal Reference:

18 Art XI, Sec.5, Montana Constitution

Freedom of religion

19 § 20-1-308, MCA

Religious instruction released time program

20 § 20-7-112, MCA

Sectarian Publication Prohibited and Prayer

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Permitted

22 HB343

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