**Billings School District 2**

**INSTRUCTION**

Released Time for Religious Instruction

Upon written request of a student's parent or guardian, renewed at least annually, a student must be released from regular school attendance for the purpose of receiving off campus religious instruction for a period of not less than 1 hour per week.

Early release of a student for the purposes of religious instruction will not adversely affect the student's enrollment status or attendance record.

Legal References: Art. II, Sec. 5, Montana Constitution - Freedom of religion
Art. X, Sec. 7, Montana Constitution - Nondiscrimination in education
§ 20-1-308, MCA Religious instruction released time program

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