

**Board of Trustees
Douglas County School District**

PROGRAM

RECOGNITION OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS and CUSTOMS

The District recognizes and shall honor the constitutional rights of students to the free exercise of religion and to attend schools that are free from sectarian control or influence. The purpose of this policy is to provide overarching direction to ensure that religious beliefs and customs are accommodated in a manner that respects the rights of all students and maintains the District's neutrality toward religion.

Staff members and students are expected to foster an atmosphere in which the diverse beliefs of all students are respected and accommodated in a spirit of mutual respect and understanding, consistent with the principle that public schools may teach about religion but may not promote or disparage any particular belief.

The Superintendent shall adopt and maintain Administrative Regulation 210A, Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs, to implement this policy, including guidance on observance of religious holidays, instructional use of religious materials, and student religious expression.

[See Administrative Regulation 210 A, Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs](#)

Legal Reference: U.S. Const. amend. I; Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, § 8524 (Guidance on constitutionally protected prayer and religious expression in public schools).

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