

RESPECT OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

It is the policy of this school system to respect all religious beliefs and to encourage each student to practice such religious beliefs as he/she is taught in his/her home and church.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ON SUNDAY

The Board, as a general practice, wishes to refrain from scheduling any activities involving students on Sundays.

Recognizing that students do elect to participate in a variety of school-related activities which may include Sundays, the Board mandates that any and all such Sunday activities shall be strictly voluntary on the part of the student and the parent/guardian.

It shall be the responsibility of the teacher, instructor, sponsor or coach to announce in advance of all school-related activities scheduled on Sunday, that any student will be excused from such activities without pressure, criticism, harassment, or penalty in grades or otherwise. The parent/guardian should request exemption from Sunday activities from appropriate school personnel.

All schools must obtain permission for school-related activities scheduled for Sundays from the Superintendent/designee.

DANCING AS A PART OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Since dancing is contrary to the religious beliefs of many, whenever dancing is sponsored as a part of the activities of the school day in any school, in physical education or other classes or in recess or recreation activities, an alternate program of activities not conflicting with the students' religious beliefs shall be planned and offered as a free choice to students, without criticism, pressure, or harassment being applied because of the choice, and without penalty in grades or otherwise. When dancing is conducted as an extracurricular activity, no pressure shall be applied to students to attend, if dancing is contrary to the religious teachings of the home or church.

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