

## TEACHING ABOUT RELIGION

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to teach students about religion and its role as a vital force in the development of civilizations, as well as to foster a respect for religion and religious beliefs. In addition, the Board believes that it is the duty of the school district to ensure that every student fully understands the principal of religious freedom that is part of this country's heritage.

With respect to religion, the Board encourages factual and objective teaching. The instructive program will: (1) focus on the role that religion has played in history or in the development of a society or culture, and (2) educate students about the principle of religious liberty as one of the central elements of freedom and democracy.

The promotion of religion by the district either by way of instructional materials, assembly programs or word of mouth is forbidden. The district shall remain impartial with regard to all religions.

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