

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: RELIGION

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# SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">132. RELIGION</p> <p>The Board of School Directors (“Board”) of Springfield School District (“District”) accepts and follows the principles of the Constitution and the decisions of the United States Supreme Court which require public schools to remain neutral in matters involving religion. This principle requires that the public schools neither oppose nor promote religion.</p> <p>This District encourages all students and staff members to appreciate and be tolerant of each other’s religious views. Further, the District will utilize opportunities to foster understanding and mutual respect among students and parents/guardians. Knowledge of religious differences and the role of religion in the contemporary world can help promote understanding and alleviate prejudice.</p> <p>In this spirit of tolerance, students and staff members are excused from participating in practices and activities which are contrary to or conflict with their religious beliefs or activities. Conflicts should be addressed prior to applying for activities. Parents/Guardians, teachers and coaches are expected to dialogue regarding potential conflicts before they become a concern.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee will develop and publish administrative guidelines which are consistent with this policy.</p> <p><b><u>DISCLAIMERS:</u></b></p> <p><i><b>This policy is superseded by all current federal and state laws and mandates.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>This online posting is an electronic copy from Springfield School District’s manual of currently adopted policies. The policies on this site are for informational purposes only and do not reflect updating activities in progress. It may be used for information and reference purposes only regarding issues of concern. Certified date-stamped copies are available from the District Open Records Officer and are valid for issues of concern within two (2) weeks of the stamped date.</b></i></p>
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