



## **1.0 POLICY**

- 1.1 The Board believes that our schools have a role in helping children develop emotionally, intellectually, physically, morally and spiritually.
- 1.2 The Board believes in religious tolerance, the acknowledgement of religious diversity, the maintenance of inclusive environments in its schools, and the provision of appropriate opportunities for students to give expression to their religious beliefs.
- 1.3 The Board believes that while many school activities may be perceived to include incidental or indirect reference to religion or religious themes, these may provide valuable learning and cultural opportunities for students, serve to acknowledge the religious diversity that exists among students, and provide students with opportunity to express their personal beliefs, when done in an inclusive, non-discriminatory and non-indoctrinational manner.

## **2.0 GUIDELINES**

- 2.1 The Board supports the implementation of regulations that facilitate the operation of this policy.

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References: Board Regulation: Administration 4 – Religious Theme/Content in School Activities  
School Act: Sections 3 and 50 (1) (a) and (b), and 50 (2) (a) and (b)  
Alberta Act, 1905: Section 17  
School Ordinance of the Northwest Territories, 1901; Section 137 and 138  
Constitution Act, 1867: Section 93  
Alberta Human Rights Act, Sections 11.1(1) and (2)