



## 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 and respectful environments in its schools, and the provision of appropriate opportunities for students to give expression to their religious beliefs.
- 1.3 In accordance with the School Act, the Alberta Act, the School Ordinance of the Northwest Territories, the Constitution of Canada, and the Alberta Human Rights Act, the Board encourages the practice of providing opportunities for students to take part in religious instruction during the day, and may prescribe religious instruction to be offered to its students.
- 1.4 The Board may permit persons other than teachers to provide religious instruction to its students.

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*References:*    *Admin Practice(s): ES 20 – Religious Instruction/Exercises*  
                  *Board Regulation: Education 1 - Religious Instruction*  
                  *School Act: Sections 3, 50 (1) (a), (b), and (e), and 50 (2) (a) and (b)*  
                  *Alberta Act, 1905: Section 17*  
                  *School Ordinance of the Northwest Territories, 1901: Sections 137 and 138*  
                  *Constitution Act, 1867: Section 93*  
                  *Alberta Human Rights Act Preamble*