



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 In accordance with the School Act, the Alberta Act, the School Ordinance of the Northwest Territories and the Constitution of Canada, 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.

2.0 GUIDELINES

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

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, Sections 11.1(1) and (2)