

Administrative Procedure 207

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES AND INSTRUCTION

Background

Religious observances and instruction have a place in public school education, but only insofar as they are non-proselytizing and non-compulsory.

Procedures

1. The Lord's Prayer and short uninterpreted readings from the Bible are considered to be appropriate for day opening exercises.
2. Christmas Carols and other seasonal activities that have a religious base are acceptable.
3. All requests for religious observances and instruction, beyond those listed in 1 and 2 above, shall be referred to the Superintendent for approval.
4. Parents will be informed when students are to be involved in religious observances.
5. It shall be made clear to parents and students that any student may abstain and/or be absent from an activity with religious overtones, for reasons of belief.

Reference: Section 50, 60, 61, School Act