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RELIGION: CURRICULUM, ACTIVITIES, AND HOLIDAYS

The following types of school activities may be permitted as long as they do not demonstrate an intent to advance religion or take on the character of religious devotions:

- Writing or analyzing literature on religious subjects
- Playing, singing and presentation of music which is religious in its inspiration or origin
- Performing drama which deals with religious history or which is religious in its content
- Producing or exhibiting art work dealing with religious themes
- Recognizing the significance of religious holidays to U.S. culture by aligning school breaks around religious holidays or by sponsoring activities which acknowledge the importance of these holidays in cultural life
- Comparative studies of religion
- Analyzing religious texts, and other religious books, as part of the study of religions
- Studying the contribution made by religion to civilization
- Studying religious texts, or other religious books, for their literary importance
- Reciting or studying historical documents that contain references to God
- Singing of official anthems that contain references to God
- Observing moments of silence

Students may be excused from these activities by following procedures specified in policy 411A-Accommodating a Student's Religious Beliefs.

Legal Ref.: Article 1, Section 18 and Article X, Section 3 Wisconsin Constitution
Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes
PI 41, Wisconsin Administrative Code
Local Ref.: Policies 411 and 411A