

CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: RELIGION IN THE SCHOOLS

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	136. RELIGION IN THE SCHOOLS
1. Purpose	Religious holidays may be included in curricula to educate students about history and cultures or about the traditions of various religions.
2. Guidelines	<p>The study of religious holidays should be limited to factual information. Under no circumstances may religious instruction be used as an opportunity to proselytize about the personal religious beliefs of the instructor or to solicit student explanations of their beliefs or customs.</p> <p>Religious symbols may be used in classrooms so long as they are used within the planned curricula, they are used only as examples of cultural and religious heritage, and they are used only on a temporary basis.</p> <p>Religious music may be sung or played as part of the academic study of music and may be included in school concerts provided they do not dominate the music provided in the concert.</p> <p>All holidays celebrated on or around traditional religious seasons should serve an educational purpose.</p>
Pol. 105.2	Students from certain religious traditions who ask to be excused from classroom discussions or activities related to particular holidays may be excused in accordance with Board policy.