

Bigfork School District #38

INSTRUCTION

2332

Religion and School Activities

Instructional Program

The instructional program of the District shall respect the right of each individual's belief. Any discussion or study of religion or other beliefs shall be offered in a fair and objective manner, consistent with learning objectives and must be free from sectarian or denominational influence.

Employees of School District #38 shall refrain from taking advantage of their position to proselytize any student in any manner on School District property, and shall conform to all related constitutional and statutory requirements.

Any religious activity that is disruptive to the educational environment of the school is not permitted.

Release Time for Religious Instruction

The district may provide for a religious instruction released time program under which a pupil may be released upon written request of the parent(s) or guardian(s) except that no such program shall take place in public school property. Such written request must be renewed annually. The board or its designee will determine the amount of time that any pupil will be released for religious instruction. Such release shall not adversely affect the pupil's attendance.

Legal Reference: Art XI, Sec. 5, Montana Constitution - Freedom of Religion
 Art X, Sec. 2, Montana Constitution - Nondiscrimination in
 education
 20-1-308, MCA Religious Instruction released time program

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