

Religious-Related Activities and Practices

The Edmonds School District Board of Directors recognizes that views and opinions regarding the relationship of the schools and religion are diverse. While community opinions are important in shaping policy, the board must give primary credence to the United States and Washington State constitutions, state law and the decisions made by the respective courts when establishing guidelines for making decisions regarding religious-related activities and practices. The board further accepts the declaration of the State Board of Education that “all students . . . possess the constitutional right to the free exercise of religion and to have their schools free from sectarian control or influence.”

Students, parents and staff who are aggrieved by practices or activities conducted in the school or district may register their concern with the building principal or district superintendent.

Cross References

4260 - Use of School Facilities
4060 - Distribution of Materials
2153 - Non-Curriculum-Related Student Groups

Legal References

U.S. Constitution First Amendment, Fourteenth Amendment
Wash. Constitution Art. I, 11
Wash. Constitution Art. 9, Sec. 4 and Art. 26
RCW 28A.600.025 Students’ rights of religious expression — Duty of superintendent of public instruction to inform school districts
WAC 392-400-227 School district rules defining students’ religious rights

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