

PRESS PLUS ISSUE #122 (JUNE 2026)
8/21/26 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

1. ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

 CONSENT

 1st READING

 KEEP IN COMMITTEE

 DELETE POLICY

2. POLICY COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE:

 Adopt as Presented
(change “revised” & “reviewed” date)

 Adopt with Additional District Edits
(change “revised” & “reviewed” date)

 Edits Not Adopted
(change “reviewed” date)

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SECTION 6 - Instruction

6:70 Teaching About Religions

The School District's curriculum may include the study of religions as they relate to geography, history, culture, and the development of various ethnic groups. The study of religions shall give neither preferential nor derogatory treatment to any single religion, religious belief, or to religion in general. The study of religions shall be treated as an academic subject with no emphasis on the advancement or practice of religion.

LEGAL REF.:

Mahmoud v. Taylor, 606 U.S. 522 (2025).^{C1}

Allegheny County v. ACLU Pittsburgh Chapter, 492 U.S. 573 (1989).

School Dist. of Abington Twp v. Schempp, 374 U.S. 203 (1963).

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CROSS REF.: 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:255 (Assemblies and Ceremonies)

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Lincolnwood School District 74

PRESSPlus Comments

- C1. In Mahmoud v. Taylor, 606 U.S. 522 (2025), the U.S. Supreme Court held that a public school “burdens the religious exercise of parents when it requires them to submit their children to instruction that poses ‘a very real threat of undermining’ the religious beliefs and practices that the parents wish to instill.” Consult the board attorney on questions related to religious opt-outs from curriculum, and see policy 6:260, *Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs*. **Issue 122, June 2026**