RELEASED TIME FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

A student may, subject to the approval of the school principal, be absent from school to participate in religious instruction for not more than one (1) class period per school day with the written consent of the student's parent or guardian at a time that is not in conflict with the academic program of the school. The principal's approval shall be exercised in a neutral and nondiscriminatory manner consistent with this policy and applicable law.

The public school shall provide time for the student to make up schoolwork missed during the absence.

The School District and the public school shall not assume responsibility for the religious instruction of any student or permit religious instruction to be conducted on school property.

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LEGAL REF.:
22-12A-9 NMSA

CROSS REF.:
ACD - Commitment to Religious Neutrality

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