

### **Release Time for Religious Instruction**

Students may be excused from school for religious instruction, not to exceed two hours for grades 1-8 and five hours for grades 9-12 in any school week.

Students not attending religious instruction will continue with the regular school program.

The administration shall have procedures for dismissing and recording excused absences for students attending religious instruction. These procedures should be formulated cooperatively with the [director of religious instruction].

Any student unable to attend classes on a particular day due to religious beliefs shall be excused from attendance requirements for that day.

No such absence shall be counted against a student in determining exclusion, failure or reduction of grades. Any tests and assignments a student misses because of religious instruction shall be given to the student at another time.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 339.420](#)

[ORS 659.850](#)

[OAR 581-021-0046](#)

Dilger v. Sch. Dist. 24CJ, 222 Or. 108 (1960).