

Oregon School Boards Association Selected Sample Policy

Code: **IGAC**
Adopted:

Teaching about Religion

If the district has this policy, it is recommended to delete and replace with new proposed IGAC.

The public schools are obligated to maintain neutrality in matters of religion.

The neutrality requirement suggests an ongoing search for sensitivity, understanding, appreciation and factual information about cultural and religious diversity. It also mandates that schools refrain from advocacy of a particular religious position.

Teachers shall be permitted to expose students to information concerning religions and religious beliefs, but teachers shall not promote or inhibit, openly or covertly or by sublety, a particular religion or religious belief.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.035](#)

U.S. CONST. amend. I.
OR. CONST., art. I.

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Religion and Schools

Teachers shall be permitted to teach or present to students information concerning religions and religious beliefs, but teachers shall not promote or inhibit, openly or covertly or by subtlety, a particular religion, religious belief or nonreligious belief.

Students and staff members may be excused from participating in programs or activities which are contrary to their religious beliefs without penalty.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.035](#)

U.S. Const. amend. I.

OR. CONST., art. I.

Kennedy v. Bremerton Sch. Dist., 869 F.3d 813 (9th Cir. 2017).

Pendleton School District 16R

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Orig. Code(s): IGAC

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The neutrality requirement suggests an ongoing search for sensitivity, understanding, appreciation and factual information about cultural and religious diversity. It also mandates that schools refrain from advocacy of a particular religious position.

The superintendent will develop administrative procedures that include guidelines consistent with the philosophy that religion in the schools must be educational in nature and schools must be sensitive to all beliefs.

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