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# ***DRAFT UPDATE***

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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## **Instruction**

### **Teaching About Religions**

The Cooperative'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.

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Updated to separate a "religion" from a "religious belief" for clarity.  
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LEGAL REF.: School Dist. of Abington Twp v. Schempp, 374 U.S. 203 (1963).  
Allegheny County v. ACLU Pittsburgh Chapter, 492 U.S. 573, 409 S.Ct. 3086, 106 L.Ed.2d 472 (1989).

CROSS REF.: 6:20 (Calendar and Day), 6:255 (Assemblies and Ceremonies)

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