

Administrative Procedure 209

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

Background

In accordance with the Division's philosophy of education, it may be appropriate for schools to involve students in religious exercises.

According to the Education Act, a board may:

1. prescribe religious instruction to be offered to its students;
2. prescribe religious exercises for its students;
3. permit persons other than teachers to provide religious instruction to its students.

Procedures

1. Any religious exercises chosen by a Principal are to reflect the social and cultural values of the community.
2. Provisions must be made to accommodate the wishes of parents who prefer their children be excused from participating in religious exercises.

Reference: Section 16, 18, 19, 33, 52, 53, 58, 58.1, 61, 196, 197, 222 Education Act
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12