

## Religious-Related Activities and Practices

The board recognizes that views and opinions regarding the relationship of the schools and religion are diverse. While community opinions are important in shaping policy, the board must give primary credence to the United States and Washington State constitutions, state law and the decisions made by the respective courts when establishing guidelines for making decisions regarding religious-related activities and practices. The board further accepts the declaration of the State Board of Education that “all students . . . possess the constitutional right to the free exercise of religion and to have their schools free from sectarian control or influence.” To this end, the board has directed the superintendent to establish procedures to preserve the constitutional rights of all students.

Cross References:	Board Policy 2153	Noncurriculum-related Student Groups
	Board Policy 3122	Excused and Unexcused Absences
	Board Policy 3220	Freedom of Expression
	Board Policy 3223	Freedom of Assembly
	Board Policy 3224	Student Dress
	Board Policy 4220	Complaints Concerning Staff or Program
	Board Policy 4237	Contests, Advertising and Promotions
	Board Policy 4235	Public Performances
	Board Policy 4260	Use of School Facilities
Legal References:	U.S. Constitution	First Amendment, Fourteenth Amendment
	Wash. Constitution	Art. I, § 11
	Wash. Constitution	Art. 9, Sec. 4 and Art. 26
	RCW 28A.600.025	Students’ rights of religious expression — Duty of superintendent of public instruction to inform school districts
	WAC 392-400-227	School district rules defining students’ religious rights

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