

SECTION 275     RELEASE TIME FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

1. Release time, wherever and whenever feasible, shall be organized, promoted and function on an ecumenical basis.
2. So that maximum scheduling and efficient programming of available school time can be maintained, a regular program must be guaranteed and maintained by the religious group or organization.
3. The religious group or organization sponsoring a release time program will provide these classes in such a place that students need not travel long distances. The facilities used must meet state educational, safety and health standards.
4. If transportation is necessary for the operation of the program the sponsoring organization must assume all liability, responsibility and costs.
5. The religious group or organization shall not solicit for attendance on public school premises and the staff of the public school shall neither encourage nor discourage participation in these release time programs. Students will be allowed release time only with written permission of a parent or guardian.
6. An adult instructor shall be provided both for the safety of the child and for a responsible and worthwhile use of the release time period. The school assumes no liability for the safety of children involved during release time from public schools.
7. The scheduling of all release time will be maintained and controlled by the local public school administration.
8. A maximum of 60 minutes per week from public school class time may be scheduled for religious instruction.
9. The supervisor of such religious instruction shall report monthly, to the principal of the school regularly attended, the names of the pupils who attended such regular religious instruction. The principal may deny the privilege of release time to pupils who absent themselves from such religious instruction after requesting the privilege.
10. The appropriate office of education of the religious group or organization in the release time program will apprise its constituency of the above mentioned guidelines and will see to it that an approved curriculum is used for the release time classes.

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