

## **4589 Distribution or Communication of Religious Information**

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STATUS: ADOPTED

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### *DISTRIBUTION OR COMMUNICATION OF RELIGIOUS INFORMATION*

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#### Description:

It is the will of the Board of Education that all schools and resource programs will be in compliance with section 76(1) of *The School Act*, and shall be operated on strictly secular and non-sectarian principles.

The Board directs that schools shall not facilitate the distribution of religious materials on behalf of any group. At no time will opportunity be provided in schools for the proselytizing or endorsement of any sectarian view, or for the indoctrination of students to any sectarian perspective.

With the consent of the principal and the parent, class discussions on topics such as:

- the history of religions;
- the role of religions in shaping culture;
- the differences in belief among religions may be conducted.

The principal must be sensitive to establishing clear boundaries, addressing religion as an objective topic, and there can be no perception of favor to one view or another.

If an individual or group is not satisfied with the Principal's decision, based on the policy, they may ask, in writing for a review of the decision by the Superintendent.