

## **Instruction**

### **Teaching about Religions**

The School District's curriculum may include the study of religions as ancillary to studies of human history and development and of various national, cultural, and ethnic groups. The study of religions shall give neither preferential nor derogatory treatment to any single 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. The Superintendent or a designee shall develop guidelines for the study of religions and displays of religious objects and symbols.

LEGAL REF.: School District of Abington Twp v. Schempp, 374 U.S. 203 (1963).  
Allegheny County v. Pittsburgh ACLU, 446 A.2d 334, appeal after remand 471 A.2d 128, cert. denied, 488 U.S. 815 (1989).

CROSS REF.: 6.40, 6.255

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