

158 POLICY ON RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- 158.01** The Oregon School District is committed to providing an inclusive environment where religious and cultural diversity is acknowledged respected and appreciated.
- 158.02** Religious holidays will not be celebrated. Rather, all activities linked with a religion or culture, including but not limited to holiday activities, musical programs and concerts, presentations, programs and classroom activities shall:
- 158.02.1 Be related to the curriculum;
 - 158.02.2 Neither inhibit nor promote religion;
 - 158.02.3 Treat all beliefs with respect and dignity; and
 - 158.02.4 Represent a diverse perspective.
- 158.03** Teachers may allow appropriate child initiated sharing of family customs and traditions with the guidance normally present in any classroom sharing situation. Teachers will provide opportunities for the students to express their own feelings and views in ways that are appropriate to the classroom experience.
- 158.04** Teachers shall assume diversity exists among their students.
- 158.05** In scheduling school or school related activities the District shall take into consideration major religious holidays and shall refrain from scheduling events on those dates.
- 158.06** The intent of this policy is not to "sterilize" our schools, but rather to insure and assure that our religious and cultural differences are shared and experienced in a manner which is sensitive and appropriate for all.

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