Policy Title: **Teaching About Religion** Policy #602.12

The district is required to keep the practice of religion out of the school curriculum. The board recognizes the key role religion has played in the history of the world and authorizes the study of religious history and traditions as part of the curriculum. Preferential or derogatory treatment of a single religion will not take place.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to ensure the study of religion in the schools is in keeping with the following guidelines:

- the proposed activity or course of study must have a secular purpose;
- the primary objective of the proposed activity or course of study must not be one that advances or inhibits religion; and
- the proposed activity or the course of study must not foster excessive governmental entanglement with religion.

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