

POLICY 5341
RELIGIOUS RELEASE TIME FOR INSTRUCTION

With written permission of the parent/guardian, building principals shall release students to obtain weekly religious instruction outside the school during the designated time period(s) or periods. Time periods for such instruction shall be designated by the Board of Education following consultation with the sponsoring religious organizations. Release time shall be at least sixty minutes but not more than one-hundred eighty minutes per week, in accordance with state law and shall be classified as an excused absence.

Principals shall keep records of those students who are released from school during the school day to obtain religious instruction.

Supervisors of the religious instruction shall be expected to submit monthly reports to principals listing the names of the students from an individual school who attend such weekly religious instruction.

The Board may deny the privilege of released time to students who absent themselves from such religious instruction after requesting the privilege.

Any transportation involved in such religious instruction, to and from the school, shall be the responsibility of the parent/guardian or sponsoring religious organization.

The District shall assume no liability for a student who is released from school in accordance with this policy.

LEGAL REF.: Wisconsin Statutes

Section: 118.155 Released time for religious instruction

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