

Release Time for Religious Instruction

For students in grades K through 8 (K-8), the District will allow release time for religious instruction.

Upon application, students in grades 9-12 may be excused from school for religious instruction provided that no student will be excused in excess of five (5) periods in a school week or one hundred sixty-five (165) hours in any given school year.

The Board shall, in its sole discretion, determine religious release time(s)

Release time shall not interfere with the scheduling of classes, activities and programs of public schools. No credit shall be given for completion of courses during release time for religious purposes. Registration for release time programs shall not occur on school property.

The District is not responsible for the health, safety and welfare of a student participating in a release time program nor will the District be liable for acts, injuries or events occurring while: (1) a student is being transported to and from release time programs; or (2) while a student participates in religious instruction.

Legal Reference: Article IX, § 6 Idaho Constitution – Religious Test and Teaching in School
Prohibited
I.C. § 33-519 Release for Religious Instruction
I.C. § 33-1603 Sectarian Instruction Forbidden
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Schools

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