

## Policy 556 - Released Time for Religious Instruction

- I. In accordance with M.S. 120A.22, Subd. 12(3), any student, upon written application from his/her parent/guardian, may be released from school time activities for a maximum of three hours in any week to attend religious instruction conducted and maintained by a church or religious body incorporated under Minnesota Statutes.
- II. Such religious instruction must be conducted and maintained in a place other than a public school building and at no expense to the public.
- III. The parent/guardian is responsible to assure that such religious instruction is in accordance with the ordinances of a church or religious body incorporated under Minnesota Statutes, and that absence from school to attend such religious instruction is reported according to normal attendance procedures.
- IV. A student participating in a program of religious instruction requiring release from class must satisfactorily complete class assignments missed through his/her absence.

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### *Legal References:*

M.S. 120A.22, Subd.12(3)

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