

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Background

Instruction in religious education shall be provided for all students attending Division schools.

The achievement of the Division's mission is strongly supported by the provision of formal religious instruction and religious celebrations within the schools.

### Procedures

1. The provisions of Section 58 of the *Education Act* will apply with respect to religious instruction.
2. The religious education program will include both formal classroom instruction and religious celebrations.
3. Parents may request that their child be exempt from religious education programs by submitting a formal written request to the school principal.
4. Alternate activities are to be provided for students who absent themselves from the classroom during religious education programming.

Reference: Section 58, *Education Act*

Reference: *Education Act, SA 2012, c E-0.3*

*Alberta Human Rights Act*

*Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act*

*Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12*

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