Chinook School District

INSTRUCTION 2332

Religious Beliefs and School Activities

The instructional program of the District shall respect the right of each individual's belief. Any discussion or study of religion or other beliefs shall be offered in a fair and objective manner, consistent with learning objectives and must be free from sectarian or denominational influence.

The District may provide for a religious instruction released time program under which a pupil may be released for up to two hours per week upon written request of the parent(s) or legal guardian except that no such program shall take place in or on public school property. Such release shall not adversely affect the pupil's attendance.

An employee of the District shall refrain from taking advantage of his position to recruit any student in any sectarian, agnostic, or denominational belief on District property, and shall conform to all related constitutional and statutory requirements.

Recruiting of students for religious purposes in any form – written or verbal – will not be allowed.

Legal Reference:	Art XI, Sec. 5, Montana Constitution – Freedom of Religion	
	Art X, Sec. 2, Montana Constitution – Nondiscrimination in education	
	20-1-308, MCA	Religious Instruction released time program
	20-7-112, MCA	Sectarian publications prohibited and prayer permitted

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