

**PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**

CODE: JHCB

RELEASE TIME FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

The school system will permit students to be released from school consistent with law for religious instruction.

Religious teachers will not be permitted to promote student participation by directly contacting students on school premises, or by involving students in the released time program to recruit their friends. All promotional activities for such instruction will be conducted away from the school premises.

A written request must be signed by parent or guardian before the student is released.

Teachers and principals are directed to remain neutral in this matter, neither encouraging nor discouraging student participation.

Parents may be notified by bulletin or newsletter that permission slips are available in each school office and will be issued upon request. After a parent permission slip has been received by the school, the student is expected to attend the released time classes, unless the parent rescinds the permission or approves an absence. Students attending the released time program will be excused by the classroom teacher at the scheduled time approved by the principal.

A secondary student may be released for religious instruction if that student has no class scheduled at that time. Religious instruction will not count as a class nor may student receive credit towards graduation for religious instruction.

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