

**RELIGIOUS OBSERVATIONS**

Court decisions have clearly established a doctrine of separation of church and state. This places the school district in a position of religious neutrality; i.e., not aiding one religion over another, and also refraining from those practices which endorse or prefer religion over non-religion. The First Amendment of the United States Constitution embraces the right of an individual to select any religion or none at all.

The following policy statements are intended to establish the guidelines, which will maintain the district's position with regard to religious neutrality:

1. Because baccalaureate is a religious event, it must be sponsored and conducted by an outside agency. The school will cooperate with the outside group by releasing learners for rehearsals and by making facilities available.
2. Distribution of sectarian literature within school buildings is prohibited.
3. Inclusion of religious related material in the curriculum is allowed, provided the material is intended for educational purposes and not for its religious value.

<b>1st Reading:</b>	<b>05/09/1994</b>
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	<b>06/13/1994</b>
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<b>2nd Reading/Approval:</b>	<b>01/10/2023</b>