

RELEASED TIME FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Absence of a student during school hours for religious education outside the school grounds will be allowed provided that the student's parent/guardian submits a written request to the school building administrator and that the instruction meets the following requirements:

- A. The religious instruction must be under the sponsorship of a recognized, duly constituted religious body or group. Students must be registered for the course, and a copy of the registration filed with the building administrator of the student's school, who may from time to time request student's attendance reports from the course's sponsors.
- B. Absence for religious instruction may not exceed one hour per week, at a time set by school system authorities.

Legal Reference: Title 20, MRSA, Sec. 1224-A

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