

RELIGION

I. POLICY STATEMENT:

It shall be the policy of the St. Johnsbury School District to comply with the constitutional act that requires the freedom of religion and the separation of church and state. It is the policy that religious issues shall be dealt with only in curriculum-related context, eg. history, literature, culture, etc. The following shall be prohibited:

1. The recitation of prayers.
2. The reading of religious material as a form of worship.
3. Mandatory religious study.
4. The use of schools for distribution of religious materials.
5. The showing of religious movies or performances.

School facilities may be rented for non-school activities for religious purposes, with the approval of the superintendent.

II. RATIONALE:

This policy is in compliance with the United States Constitution, Article I, regarding the establishment of religion, or prohibition of the free exercise thereof; as well as the case of School District of Abington Township v. Schempp (1963), regarding the "wholesome neutrality" between church and state "that neither advances nor inhibits religion; but...this does not establish secularism or prevent objective study in the public schools of the Bible or of religions."

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Religion Form 1

**REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS OF CURRICULUM MATERIALS AND
ACTIVITIES FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS**

(To be submitted to the principal)

Name of Material/Activity:

Location of Material/Activity:

Request initiated by: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

To what in the material/activity do you object? Please be specific.

For what reason do you object to the material/activity?

What would you like your school to do about this material/activity?

_____ Date

_____ Signature

Religion Form 2

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF CURRICULUM MATERIALS AND
ACTIVITIES FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS**
(To be submitted to the principal)

Name of Material/Activity:

Location of Material/Activity:

Request initiated by: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

To what in the material/activity do you object? Please be specific.

For what reason do you object to the material/activity?

What would you like your school to do about this material/activity?

Date

Signature

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