

381.1- Teaching about Religion

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides both freedom of religion and prohibition against the establishment of religion by the government. The Auburndale Schools District, as an agency of the government, will be neutral with respect to religion and will not engage in any activity that advocates or disparages religion. The Auburndale School District will treat the values of all religions -- within the education context -- in an open, forthright way, without advocating or disparaging any religious belief. For policy purposes, the term "religion" includes humanism and atheism as beliefs.

This policy is designed to achieve the following objectives:

1. To follow the spirit and letter of the First Amendment regarding individual freedom of expression for students and teachers, while maintaining neutrality toward all religions.
2. To avoid causing uncomfortable feelings on the part of the children.

*Legal Reference: First Amendment, U.S. Constitution Wisconsin Constitution,
Article X - Section 3*

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371 Student Equal Access to School Facilities*

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