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COMMITMENT TO RELIGIOUS NEUTRALITY

School administration and staff will recognize students' First Amendment rights, subject to reasonable rules and regulations.

Schools will not forbid students from expressing their personal religious views or beliefs.

Schools may not endorse religious activity or doctrine and school employees or volunteers may not coerce participation in religious activity.

Students have the same rights, subject to reasonable rules and regulations, to engage in non-disruptive religious activity and discussion, as they have to engage in other comparable activity during the school day when they are not engaged in school activity and instruction. If a specific religious observance is in conflict with the academic experience or instruction, the students parents/guardians are required to inform his/her instructor(s) of class or other school functions that will be affected. It is the student's, parents'/guardian's responsibility to make the necessary and reasonable arrangements with the instructor.

All students should respect the individual religious choices and activities of other students.

Legal References: *New Hampshire Constitution, Part I, Art. 520 U.S.C. 7904 (No Child Left Behind Act of 2001) RSA 189:1-b, Freedom of Assembly, Freedom of Religion*

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