

Religion in the Schools

Yes or No? Circle the number you would answer "Yes" for each question about religion in the schools.

1. If school officials are supposed to be "neutral" toward religion, does that mean they should keep religion out of public schools?
2. May a teacher refuse to teach certain materials in class if she feels the curriculum infringes on her personal beliefs?
3. May students be absent for religious holidays?
4. May students be excused from parts of the curriculum for religious reasons?
5. May students express their beliefs about religion in classroom assignments or at school-sponsored events?
6. May teachers wear religious jewelry in the classroom?
7. May a student who has a sincere religious objection to a uniform policy, not follow it?
8. Is it constitutional for a public school to require a "moment of silence?"
9. Is it legal for students to pray in public schools?
10. May a student pray at graduation exercises or at other school-sponsored events?
11. May schools limit the time, place, and manner of student expression?
12. May schools prohibit students from wearing armbands or buttons that contain a political and/or religious message?
13. May students distribute religious or political literature at school?
14. May students express their beliefs about religion in classroom assignments or at school-sponsored events?
15. May students share their religious faith in public schools?
16. May teachers and administrators pray or otherwise express their faith while at school?
17. May noncurriculum-related student groups use school media to advertise their meetings?
18. May religious leaders or other outside adults attend the meetings of student clubs?
19. May students form religious or political clubs in secondary public schools?
20. May students solicit funds at school?
21. May teachers or other school employees participate in student religious clubs?
22. May the school exclude any student extracurricular group?
23. Does the First Amendment require "equal time" to be given to all faiths?
24. Is it constitutional to teach about religion in a public school?
25. Is it legal to invite guest speakers to help teach about religion?
26. Do outside groups have the right to distribute their material on campus?
27. May public school facilities be used by outside community groups during nonschool hours?
28. May public schools and religious communities enter into cooperative agreements to help students with such programs as tutoring?
29. May students be released for off-campus religious instruction during the school day?