

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Policy 1303

Equal Opportunity

Missouri Student Religious Liberties Act

This policy establishes the Missouri Student Religious Liberties Act, which prohibits a school district from discriminating against a student or parent on the basis of religious viewpoint or expression. Religious viewpoints must be treated like secular viewpoints on an otherwise permissible subject. Students may express their religious beliefs in homework, artwork, and other written or oral assignments, to be judged on ordinary academic standards. Students must be allowed to pray or engage in religious activities before, during and after school to the same extent they engage in non-religious activities and must be given the same access to facilities as other non-curricular groups, including the ability to advertise or announce meetings. Students must be permitted to wear and display religious messages and symbols to the same extent other messages and symbols are permitted.