

EDU-P-5320 - RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION OF STUDENTS POLICY

The Board of Fei Tian Academy of the Arts-Middletown (FTAA-MT) recognizes the importance of religious values in modern day society and understands that students may be absent from school in order to pursue such observance. The Board further recognizes the right of a parent or guardian to request the release of a student for religious education for up to one hour per week.

When it is anticipated that students may be absent from class due to religious observances, FTAA-MT shall maintain an effective balance between providing instruction to students who attend classes while not adversely affecting those who are absent because of their religious beliefs. An effort will be made to avoid introducing new topics on such days of observance. In addition, appropriate effort will be made to assist those absent to complete all work missed in a sensitive, cooperative, and timely manner.

The Board delegates to the Director of Education the authority to establish rules for student absence for religious education in accordance with Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

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8 NYCRR §109.2

Zorach v. Clauson, 343 U.S. 346, (1952)

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