

Administrative Procedure 201 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Formal religious instruction and celebrations of the Catholic faith are mandatory in all schools in the jurisdiction so that the Division's mission and goals can be fulfilled. All students are expected to take part in the religious education program and the religious life of their school.

Procedures

1. The Principal shall advise all parents of the expectation of the school that their children will participate in religious studies and the religious life of the school.
2. The religious education program will include at least 3 formal scheduled classes per week consisting of a minimum combined total of 120 minutes for the elementary grades and junior high grades of formal classroom instruction, in addition to acts of charity, social justice activities and religious celebrations.
3. The Principal shall ensure that the religious programs offered in the school have been approved by the diocesan authorities.
4. Teachers shall be advised at the time of recruitment that they must be willing to provide instruction in religious education and be prepared to participate in in-service activities where appropriate.
5. Teachers newly hired to the Division must be willing to attend a religious conference, preferably SPICE, as part of their professional development.
6. Teachers of religious education shall be of the Catholic faith, unless in special circumstances in which prior approval of the Superintendent is required.

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