

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE
RELEASED TIME FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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The Board of Education of the School District of West De Pere, recognizing that state legislation permits and that parents may desire released time for religious instruction, adopts the following guidelines for that program. In adopting these guidelines the Board of Education as a body is operating under section 118.155 and is neither recommending nor discouraging student participation in a released time program other than to expect that such a program might also influence achievement in the public school system.

The following specific guidelines are to be administered in the School District of West De Pere:

1. Students in the schools of the School District of West De Pere will be released for religious instruction under the following conditions:
 - a. Written permission from parent or guardian to be absent from school for religious instruction. Permission request must indicate location of religious instruction.
 - b. The church supervisor of such religious instruction shall report monthly, to the principal of the school attended, the names of the students who attended such weekly religious instruction.
 - c. The School Board may deny the privilege of released time to students who absent themselves from such religious instruction after requesting the privilege.
 - d. Not more than one hour (60 minutes) per week of regular time may be granted for religious instruction.
 - e. In order to avoid interrupting more than one day per week for any one group of students, release time for religious instruction will be granted on a weekly basis in accordance with schedules established by the principals.
2. For the benefit of all students, the schools shall attempt to avoid scheduling any evening activities on Wednesday in deference to church related activities.
3. The public school shall assume no responsibility for transportation as it relates to religious instruction.
4. The public school shall be released from all liability for a student who is absent from school in accordance with Statute 118.155 (1).

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statute 118.155

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