

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **Background**

The achievement of the Division's mission is strongly supported by the provision of formal religious instruction and religious celebrations within the school.

Instruction in religious education shall be provided for all students attending Division schools.

### **Procedures**

1. The religious education program will include both formal classroom instruction and religious celebrations.
2. Parents may have their students exempted from religious instruction by submitting a written request for such exemption to the teacher.
  - 2.1 If a parent formally requests (in writing) exclusion from a religious education program, the teacher shall allow the student to leave the classroom/location where the instruction/activity is being provided; or remain present but not take an active part.

Reference: Section 3, 20, 50, 60, 61, 113 School Act  
Alberta Human Rights Act  
Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act  
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12