

**Red River Valley School Division**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE A2 - RELIGION**



The Red River Valley School Division Board of Trustees believes all schools in the division should be non-sectarian.

As per the Public Schools' Act, the Division will be in compliance with provincial statutes and regulations concerning religious instruction and religious exercises.

Prior to the commencement of religious instruction, a curriculum must be provided to the school administration and be made available for the public upon request.

The volunteer conducting religious exercises and/or instruction must submit a Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Search and Manitoba Child Abuse Registry Check to Red River Valley School Division in advance of the commencement of the religious exercises or instructional block. (See Policy KIB Volunteering).

When possible, petitions for religious exercises will be submitted to the Board in May for the following school year (Appendix A).

Divisional Personnel or Board Members will not be involved in the petitioning process, other than to provide information pertaining to the provincial guidelines governing this process.

Parent Councils (Manitoba Association of Parent Council recognized) are considered part of a school, and are therefore non-sectarian and subject to the same restrictions outlined in the above paragraph.

**Religious Instruction**

For regulations, please see section 80 to 82 of the Public Schools Act.

**Religious Exercises**

For regulations, please see section 84 of the Public Schools Act.

Each school will provide appropriate space for religious exercises. Exercises will be led by volunteers from the school staff, from the community or parents/legal guardians. Students with permission to participate (those whose parents/legal guardians have signed the petition or added their name to the petition with a signed note) shall meet in the designated area during the designated non-instructional time.

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Attendance will not be taken, nor shall the school staff enforce attendance or non-attendance, other than to respond to questions from parents/legal guardians where appropriate.

At no time will religious exercises be broadcast in the school via any public address system or held during a general assembly.

Students not participating will not be required to report for classes until the instructional day begins (after any religious exercises take place).

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Appendix A

Petition to the Red River Valley School Division for Religious Instruction

I wish to add my name to the petition for Religious Instruction to be conducted at \_\_\_\_\_ school for my child(ren) for the \_\_\_\_\_ school year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
First and Last Name  
Parent's Name (please print clearly)

\_\_\_\_\_  
First and Last Name  
Parent's Name (please print clearly)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature  
(Petition must be signed by both parents/legal guardians)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address including Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Age

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Age

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Age

Name of Sponsoring Organization to deliver Religious Instruction: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child(ren) permission to attend classes in the religious instruction provided by the sponsoring organization listed above and I understand **and have been informed of the curriculum being taught** to my child(ren).

I understand that the curriculum provided for Religious Instruction has not been approved or developed by the Red River Valley School Division nor the Province of Manitoba, but is available as information at the school office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Appendix B**

**Petition to the Red River Valley School Division for Religious Exercises**

I wish to add my name to the petition for Religious Exercises to be conducted at \_\_\_\_\_ school for my child(ren) for the \_\_\_\_\_ school year. I am aware of the content of the exercises to be conducted at the school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
First and Last Name  
Parent's Name (please print clearly)

\_\_\_\_\_  
First and Last Name  
Parent's Name (please print clearly)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature  
(Petition must be signed by both parents/legal guardians)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address including Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Age

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Child's Name

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Child's Name

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