

## **7.181 RELEASED TIME FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

The Franklin Local School District Board of Education authorizes students to be excused from school to attend released time courses in religious instruction, provided each of the following applies:

- The student's parent or guardian gives written consent;
- The sponsoring entity maintains attendance records and makes them available to the District;
- Transportation to and from the place of instruction, including transportation for students with disabilities, is the complete responsibility of the sponsoring entity, parent, guardian, or student;
- The sponsoring entity makes provisions for and assumes liability for the student;
- No public funds are expended, and no public school personnel are involved in providing the religious instruction; and
- The student assumes responsibility for any missed schoolwork.

While in attendance in a released time course in religious instruction, a student will not be considered absent from school. No student may be released from a core curriculum subject course to attend a religious instruction course.

The Board of Education, its members, and employees are immune from liability for injury allegedly arising during a student's transportation to or from a place of released time for religious instruction.

A student may earn up to two units of high school credit for the completion of a released time course in religious instruction. In accordance with R.C. 3313.6022, the Board shall determine whether to award credit for completion of such a course using similar secular criteria as for the evaluation of courses for students transferring from nonpublic schools.

Legal Ref: Ohio Revised Code 3313.6022

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