


<b>Administrative Procedures 205</b>		
<b>Religious Instruction</b>		
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	<b>External References:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Act: Sections 85, 87, 175, 182, 184</li> </ul>	<b>Internal References:</b>

## Background

The Division supports the non-denominational instruction of religion as the opportunity presents itself in the everyday teaching of academic subjects.

Notwithstanding the above, the Division recognizes Hutterian Brethren practices regarding the education of their children.

## Procedures

### 1. General

- 1.1 A School Community Council, within the limitations of the Education Act, may determine the religious exercises preceding the regular daily program in its local school.
- 1.2 At the request of a parent or guardian, a student will be excused from taking part in any religious exercises that may be used at the start of the school day.
- 1.3 Teachers supervising religious exercises shall be responsible to provide alternate learning experiences to students whose participation has been excused.
- 1.4 Principals shall ensure that appropriate accommodation is provided where students will not have to participate in religious exercises against their will.

### 2. Hutterian Brethren

- 2.1 The use of instructional materials and the delivery of instruction in colony schools will be congruent with the religious practices and beliefs of the Hutterian Brethren and the signed summary of Understandings between Sun West School Division and Sun West Brethren.