

**POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY**

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SECTION 3.25 RECOGNITION OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND CUSTOMS

It is accepted that no religious belief or nonbelief should be promoted by the District or its employees. Instead, the District should utilize opportunities to foster understanding and mutual respect between students and parents concerning race, culture, economic background, and religious beliefs. In that spirit of tolerance, students and staff members should be excused from participating in practices which are contrary to their religious beliefs unless there are clear issues of overriding concern.

The District recognizes that one of its educational goals is to advance all students' knowledge and appreciation of the role that our religious heritage has played in the social, cultural, and historical development of civilization.