Policy 1460.5
School Board

ORGANIZATION, PHILOSOPHY, AND GOALS

Philosophy and Goals

Religion

This policy supersedes Policy 1460.4.

I. PURPOSE

To define the School Board's position on religion and education in Fairfax County Public Schools.

II. PHILOSOPHY

The Fairfax County School Board shall be neutral in respect to religious beliefs and shall not engage in any activity that disparages or advocates religion.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

This policy has been reviewed, and there are no changes at this time.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

The First Amendment to the Constitution provides both freedom of religion and prohibition against the establishment of religion by government. Fairfax County Public Schools, as an agency of the government, shall be neutral with respect to religious beliefs and also shall not engage in any activity that either disparages or advocates religion. Fairfax County Public Schools shall treat religions within the educational context in an open, forthright way consistent with the pluralistic nature of our community.

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FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD