

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 26, 2010
TO: ALL ADMINISTRATORS
FROM: Gary S. Mala, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: ***JEWISH HOLIDAYS***

Pursuant to Board of Education Regulation 6115(a), I wish to remind you of the limitations placed on instruction, assessment and other educational activities during religious holidays.

Please review the following and be sure to inform your staff of the procedures to be utilized to recognize the Jewish Holidays.

Religious Days (excerpt from Board of Education Policy 6115 (a))

The school district's calendar should be prepared to accommodate major religious days to the extent practicable so as to minimize conflicts with personal observance of religious days.

Student absences from school, or from extra-curricular activities, to observe a religious day shall be excused without penalty.

Parents who wish to have their children excused from school or extra-curricular activities for religious purposes shall so advise the principal or designee in writing.

When school is in session on a major religious day, no examinations shall be given, no major new assignments shall be made, and no new areas of study shall be introduced.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cc: Amy Jacques-Purdy, Chairperson, Board of Education
Board of Education Members
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