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MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE ADOPTED:	**June 17, 1980**	**FILE SECTOR:**	**STUDENTS**
DATE REVISED:	**October 18, 1994**	**POLICY TITLE:**	**RELEASE TIME FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**
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In accordance with state law and established procedure, Medford Area Public School District (MAPSD) Board of Education (BOE) shall permit students, with the written permission of the parent(s)/guardian(s), to be absent from school not more than one hundred eighty (180) minutes per week to obtain religious instruction outside the school during the required school attendance hours. The BOE may deny the privilege of release time to students who absent themselves from the religious instruction after requesting the privilege. The time period(s) allotted for the student to be absent from school for the purpose of religious instruction may be determined by the building principal.

Any transportation to religious instruction or from religious instruction to a school in MAPSD shall be the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) or organization sponsoring the religious instruction.

MAPSD assumes no liability for a student who is absent from school in accordance with this policy.

CROSS REFERENCE:
LEGAL REFERENCE: §118.155, Wis. Stats.