

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

RELEASE OF CHILDREN FOR ATTENDING RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION CLASSES

(By authority of section 732 of Act No. 269 of the Public Acts of 1955, being S340.732 of the Michigan Compiled Laws)

R 340.71 Release of children to attend religious instruction classes.

Rule 1. The board of education or its duly authorized representative, upon written request of the parent, guardian or person having control or charge of any child or children, shall release from attendance at the public school any child or children to attend religious instruction classes not to exceed 2 hours (120 minutes) per week.

History: 1979 AC.

R 340.72 Annual request.

Rule 2. Each written request of the parent, guardian or person having control or charge of any child or children shall be made annually and shall specify the place at which religious instruction shall be given and the total amount of time per week during which release of the child or children from attendance at the public school is requested.

History: 1979 AC.

R 340.73 Notice of religious instruction classes.

Rule 3. Persons or groups intending to hold or conduct religious instruction classes shall notify public school officials of their intent sufficiently in advance of the beginning of such class or classes so that public school officials can comply with the request for release of children from the public school for such purposes.

History: 1979 AC.

R 340.74 Records of attendance.

Rule 4. A record of attendance at religious instruction classes shall not be maintained by public school officials. Those persons or groups offering or conducting religious instruction classes shall keep records of attendance. The responsibility for attendance at religious instruction classes belongs to the parent, guardian or person having control or charge of any child or children.

History: 1979 AC.

R 340.75 Solicitation for attendance.

Rule 5. No solicitation for attendance at religious instruction classes shall be permitted on public school premises. The staff of the public school system shall neither encourage nor discourage participation in any religious instruction program.

History: 1979 AC.