

CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

Background

The definition of basic education in Alberta includes the statement that “students will understand personal and community values and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship,” and that a basic education will allow students to “respect the cultural diversity and common values of Canada.” To this end, the Division may permit various cultural groups to make presentations to the students.

Procedures

1. School Administrator(s) will make arrangements for one-time cultural presentations to be made in a non-classroom setting, e.g. in the library. The School Administrator(s) will inform parents/guardians that such a presentation or class is scheduled.
2. Classes related to religious programming, such as Logos, may occur in a regular classroom setting as long as students have the option of alternative educational programming.
3. Students will be free to attend/not attend, or accept/reject materials, as they choose, without any reaction or consequences.

Reference: School Act, Section 3
Administrative Procedure #569 Sales Calls and Demonstrations

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