

Teaching of Religion

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Instruction in the philosophical bases, precepts, history and influence of the religions of all people is a legitimate and significant element of general education. Understanding these aspects of the development of society is essential to the understanding of the psychological, cultural, political and social nature of people as groups and as individuals. References to religion or to the use of religious literature, art, music, or other things having religious significance when such references or uses do not constitute instruction in religious principles or aid to any religious sect, church, creed, or sectarian purpose, and when such references are incidental to or illustrative of matters properly included in the course of study, is permissible.

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