

DISPLAYS INCLUDING RELIGIOUS OBJECTS OR DOCUMENTS

The School Board of Apple Creek School District instructs the Principal to use the following criteria in determining whether a religious object or document may be included in a display within the school:

1. It is not a permanent display.
2. The educational purpose of the display is clearly articulated in the request.
3. The cultural, legal, or historical significance of the religious document or object is clearly articulated in the request.
4. The influence that the religious document or object has had on the legal and governmental systems of the country or culture being studied is clearly articulated in the request.
5. The religious object or document is part of a larger display and is to be displayed in the same manner and appearance as other objects or documents in the display.
6. Nothing in the display shall call attention to the religious object or document apart from other objects or documents in the display.
7. The display is to be used as an illustration for purposes of the curriculum and is to be displayed in a classroom or library.

Legal Ref: NDCC 15.1-06-17.1 Religious objects or documents -
Display
First Amendment, U.S. Constitution
Lemon v. Kurtzman 403 U.S. 602 (1971)
Lynch v. Donnelly 465 U.S. 668 (1984)
Edwards v. Aguillard 482 U.S. 578, 583-84(1987)
Wallace v. Jaffree 472 U.S. 38, 56 (1985)
Stone v. Graham 449 U.S. 39 (1980)
American Civil Liberties Union of Ky. v. McCreary County
No. Civ. 99-507

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