

## **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 learning commons. The School Administrator(s) will inform parents/guardians that such a presentation or class is scheduled.
2. Religious programming is an alternative program that must be presented for approval to the Board.
3. Students will be free to attend/not attend, or accept/reject materials, as they choose, without any reaction or consequences.

Reference: Section 16 Education Act

Related APs: Alternative Programs (AP 213)  
Sales Calls and Demonstrations (AP 569)

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