

# MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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**School Committee Policy:**

**#260**

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**Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs**

It is accepted that no religious belief or non-belief should be promoted by the school district or its employees, and none should be disparaged. Instead, the school system will encourage all students and staff members to appreciate and be tolerant of each other's religious views and will use every opportunity available to foster understanding and mutual respect among students and parents whether it involves race, culture, economic background or religious beliefs. In that spirit of tolerance, students and staff members will be excused from participating in practices which are contrary to their religious beliefs.

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