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POLICY REGARDING RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL HOLIDAYS

AIM:

To make learners aware of the respect and customs regarding religious and cultural holidays.

The SA schools law grants permission to the school governing bodies to determine the nature of religious celebrations in schools, provided that such celebrations take place in a reasonable way and that attendance is free and voluntary for the learners as well as staff members.

- Schools are entitled to two days for the use of religious and cultural events. It may not exceed the two days.

RULES:

- All applications should be submitted to the School Management, and the School Management should then apply to the circuit manager on behalf of the school.
- The instruction of the Education Department is that application for such days should be made six months ahead of time.
- Parents should be informed in time of such a day.
- No extra cultural days should be allowed, only official holidays.

The following exceptions apply:

- The day is relevant to more than two thirds of the parents
- The school activity should not be compromised
- The School Management should have given their approval
- It is a day requested by the Education Department or Minister and supported strongly.



This policy was adopted by the School Management on

This policy has been made available to school personnel and is readily accessible to parents and learners on request.

This policy will be reviewed and updated every year.

Signed _____
School Management

Date: _____

Signed _____
Principal

Date: _____

Signed _____
Educator Representative

Date: _____

