

## **Guidelines Concerning Religious Activity in Public Schools**

See: [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/guidance/support/religious\\_activity.pdf](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/guidance/support/religious_activity.pdf)

These Guidelines are not intended as regulations or state policies displacing local discretion. These Guidelines are designed instead as technical assistance for consideration by local school officials, administrators and teachers in formulating their local policies and decisions. They have been adopted following public hearings throughout the Commonwealth and after opportunity for comment and input from the general public, teachers, school administrators and school boards, parents and students, and interested organizations.

These Guidelines do not purport to provide definitive answers to all of the possible issues and the varied circumstances as may exist in the public schools. Indeed, the United States Supreme Court has cautioned that decisions in this area are particularly fact-sensitive. In that regard, local school consideration should also take into account the attached memorandum prepared by the Office of the Attorney General, dated January 9, 1995. That memorandum sets forth the conceptual framework in the law generally applicable and governing in most situations.