

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** July 14, 2009

**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF BOARD OF  
EDUCATION POLICY 6305 – INSTRUCTION: RELEASED TIME-  
RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

**ORIGINATOR:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

**RESOURCE  
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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed deletion of Policy 6305.  
This is the first reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis  
Attachment II – Policy 6305

**Policy Analysis for  
Board of Education Policy 6305  
Released Time-Religious Instruction**

Statement of Issues Addressed by the Proposed Policy Deletion

Board of Education Policy 6305 was last revised in 1968. The policy is being recommended for deletion because the language is no longer relevant.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

No fiscal impact is anticipated by the deletion of this policy.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Board of Education Policy 5120, *Attendance and Excuses*

Legal Requirement

COMAR 13A.04.04.01 does not prohibit BCPS from having a policy.

Similar Policies Adopted by Other School Systems

None

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

None

Timeline:

First reading – July 14, 2009

Public comment – August 11, 2009

Third reading – September 8, 2009

INSTRUCTION

Released Time - Religious Instruction

The Board of Education authorizes pupils, with the written consent of their parents, to receive moral or religious instruction at a suitable place away from the school, designated by the religious group. This shall be in addition to the moral and spiritual values taught in the classroom.

The Superintendent of Schools is instructed to establish regulations governing the attendance of pupils at such instruction and the reporting thereof.

Policy  
Adopted: 11/21/68]

Board of Education of Baltimore County