

2010-2011 Released Time Program for Religious Instruction

September 15, 2010

Pursuant to Chancellor's Regulation A-630, "a student shall be released for the last hour of the instructional day on Wednesdays to participate in a program of religious instruction." This memorandum indicates the start and end dates of the Released Time Program for Religious Instruction and the exceptions to that schedule for the 2010-2011 school year.

1. Scheduled Start and End Dates and Citywide Exceptions

In accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-630, Principals shall release a student for religious instruction upon receipt, from the parent, of a written request to authorize the release of the student and a copy of the student's registration in the religious instruction program. For school year 2010-2011, the Released Time Program for Religious Instruction is scheduled for every Wednesday from: **Wednesday, September 15, 2010** to **Wednesday, June 22, 2011**, except as follows:

	Which Students Not to Release	Rationale for Not Releasing
1.1 September 15, 2010	Students of the Protestant faith	Religious instruction programs for students of the Protestant faith start on October 6, 2010.
1.2 September 22 & 29, 2010	Students of the Protestant faith	Religious instruction programs for students of the Protestant faith start on October 6, 2010.
1.3 November 24, 2010	Students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths	No religious instruction programs for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths.
1.4 April 27, 2011	Students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths	No religious instruction programs for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths.
1.5 June 8, 2011	Students of the Roman Catholic faith	No religious instruction programs for students of the Roman Catholic faith.
1.6 June 22, 2011	Students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths	No religious instruction program for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths.

2. Reporting Requirements

In order for the ATS system to appropriately reflect the Released Time Program attendance data, please ensure that **Reason Code 56** (Present, Released for "Religious Instruction – Part of the Day") is properly entered for students. For additional information, please contact the Office of Mandated Responsibilities at (212) 374-6095.

3. Student Transportation

The Office of Pupil Transportation provides school bus or Metro Card transportation only for travel to and from school. Arrangements to travel to and from religious instruction are the responsibility of the parent. For questions, please contact OPT customer service at 718-392-8855. Schools may also contact their network's Transportation Liaison.

4. Additional Information

For additional information regarding Released Time for Religious Instruction, please refer to Chancellor's Regulation A-630, entitled "Religious Accommodation of Students."