

## 2009-2010 Released Time Program for Religious Instruction

July 21, 2009

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 2009-2010 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 2009-2010, the Released Time Program for Religious Instruction is scheduled for every Wednesday from: **Wednesday, September 16, 2009** to **Wednesday, June 23, 2010**, except as follows:

	<b>Which Students Not to Release</b>	<b>Rationale for Not Releasing</b>
1.1 September 16, 23, & 30, 2009	Students of the Protestant faith	Religious instruction programs have not yet started for students of the Protestant faith.
1.2 October 7, 2009	Students of the Protestant faith	Religious instruction programs for students of the Protestant faith start on October 14, 2009.
1.3 November 25, 2009	Students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths	No religious instruction programs for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths.
1.4 December 23, 2009	Students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths	No religious instruction programs for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths.
1.5 March 17, 2010	Students of the Roman Catholic faith	No religious instruction programs for students of the Roman Catholic faith.
1.6 April 7, 2010	Students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths	No religious instruction programs for students of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths.
1.7 June 23, 2010	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. Additional Information

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