

## **Gwinnett County Public Schools Policy on Released Time for Religious Education**

**Adopted April 2002**

1. The school system will permit a student to be released from school if requested by a parent for the purpose of leaving campus to attend religious instruction. Parents requesting this release time should contact their school counselor or appropriate designated official at the school.
2. The program or curriculum of a released time program will not be included as part of the course offerings or curriculum of any Gwinnett County Public School and will not be included on the master schedule of courses offered by the school system.
3. The release time will occur during the normal school day off campus. Any request for credit will be reviewed in accordance with the school system's policy for transfer of credit.
4. Transportation will be the responsibility of the student and his/her parents.
5. School officials cannot encourage or discourage students to attend release time for religious instruction or sponsor it.
6. The school system will remain neutral and the decision as to whether the student will attend the released time program will be between the program and the student's parents.
7. The school system will not promote or advertise the availability of released time programs or instruction.