

## **POLICY #8601 CONDUCT OF SCHOOLS**

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Consistent with the School Act, Section 76(1) and (2), the Surrey Board of Education affirms all schools will be conducted on strictly secular and non-sectarian principles. In addition, the highest morality must be inculcated, but no religious dogma or creed is to be taught in a school.

The teaching of religious doctrine associated with any particular faith or tradition is not allowed (except in a context which is intended to educate students generally about the various religious traditions for the purpose of advancing religious tolerance and understanding and does not advance any particular doctrinal position over others).

### **DEFINITIONS:**

- Secular Principles                      Temporal, not overtly religious
- Non-sectarian principles              Not adhering to a distinctive doctrine
- Religious dogma                        An established religious opinion or a religious opinion put forward without adequate grounds
- Religious creed                         Fundamental religious beliefs

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