

Student Organizer 6

Religion and Immigration: Muslims in the United States and Europe

Review the following statement that outlines the federal guideline on the display of religious attire in American public schools. Then rewrite the guideline in your own words in the space below. Use a dictionary to look up the meaning of any words you do not know.

Student garb: Schools enjoy substantial discretion in adopting policies relating to student dress and school uniforms. Students generally have no Federal right to be exempted from religiously-neutral and generally applicable school dress rules based on their religious beliefs or practices; however, schools may not single out religious attire in general, or attire of a particular religion, for prohibition or regulation. Students may display religious messages on items of clothing to the same extent that they are permitted to display other comparable messages. Religious messages may not be singled out for suppression, but rather are subject to the same rules as generally apply to comparable messages.

Excerpt from: "Religious Expression in Public Schools," United States Department of Education guidelines for public schools. May 1998. (<http://www.ed.gov/Speeches/08-1995/religion.html>)

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