

# No Room For Religion

Schools have no room in their buildings or budgets for religion.



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## It's about Inclusion.

It's not that people believe no one has the right to religion at a public school, it's that every religion would then have the right to be acknowledged. When the argument of religion in schools arises, many people forget that including one religion means allowing for the inclusion of all religions. For example, if you want to recognize Christianity in schools you must also recognize religions such as Islam, Buddhism, Heathens, and Satanist. Schools just do not have the space or resources to do that.

There is estimated to be around 4500 recognized religions. Schools would have to make accommodations for all of them.

## Schools are bursting at the seams and falling apart.

A quick google search for overcrowding in schools will result in dozens of news articles saying that this problem spans across the united states. The issue of overcrowding does not allow schools to set aside space for religious purposes.

Adding to the issue of overcrowding is the dilapidation of school buildings, equipment, and books. Teachers and administrators do not have the time, money, or resources to focus on the issue of equal distribution of religion within the schools. They are trying to figure out where they are going to get money for new books or building repairs. We are adding a burden to our already overworked and underfunded teachers.

## Legally representing religion in a public school.

Schools may not have the ability to set aside space for religious purposes but students can legally represent their religion in the following ways:

- Students are allowed to pray, talk about religion, read religious books, and pray as long as they are not disruptive.
- Students may be taught ABOUT religion, but not be taught religion. (Ex. Schools can teach what Christianity is, they cannot teach scripture.)
- Students may express their religion through reports or art.
- Students may distribute religious material as long as they are not disruptive.
- Students cannot be encourage/discouraged from participating in before/after school religious programs
- Students may wear religious attire as long as it falls within dress code guidelines.