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SCHOOL POLICY

Cultural Holidays

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

REVISION HISTORY:

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PURPOSE

To make learners respect the customs regarding religious and cultural holidays.

The SA schools law grants permission to the School Governing Bodies to determine the nature of religious celebrations in schools, provided that attendance is free and voluntary for the learners as well as staff members.

Schools are entitled to two days for the use of religious and cultural events. The two days may not be exceeded.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RULES

- All applications should be submitted to the SGB, and the SGB should then apply to the circuit manager on behalf of the school.
- The Education Department should receive application six months ahead of time for specific events.
- Parents should be informed in time of such a day.
- No extra cultural days should be allowed, only official holidays.

• **The following exceptions apply:**

- The day is relevant to more than two thirds of the parents.
- The school activity should not be compromised.
- The SGB should have given their approval.
- It is a day requested by the Education Department or Minister and supported strongly.

